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ALTONA MAGIC FC

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MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Westgate v Frankston Pines. We were losing 3 nil and managed to come back and draw the game 3 all. Almost scored the winner as well.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: AC Milan v Liverpool (Champions League Final 2005) Same scenario as above however Liverpool came back and won. That's the most recent one that I can remember, however I'm not a Liverpool fan.
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: SWE v Preston back in the 90'. Scored directly from a corner.
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: End of Season Trips
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries
WORST INJURY: Fractured ankle (three times)
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The grounds, especially this year
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Bob Jane
SUPERSTITIONS: Nil
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Pasta
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Distribution
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Not scoring enough goals
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: Red Star Belgrade / A.C. Milan
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:.. All sports
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Lance Armstrong although retired
FAVOURITE FOODS: Chicken
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Al Pacino / Cameron Diaz
HOBBIES: Resting
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Koh Chang, Thailand
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: To old for that!!!
IDEAL DATE: Good food, drink and music
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Heroes
FAVOURITE MUSIC: House
FAVOURITE FILM: Scarface
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Marseille about 20 year ago ...
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: That I was an alcoholic.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Family
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
FOOTBALL AMBITION: Win the VPL
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Eddie Murphy. Would make for some funny conversation!!!
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S V-LEAGUE: Altona Magic of course!



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NSW SNUBS AIS AGAIN

O'Connor slams 'anti-development' decision

Talk of the AIS team leaving Victoria's Foxtel Cup and switching to the NSW Premier League next season is fanciful with the one spot remaining in next year's revamped NSW competition to go to either Penrith or the winner of the Super League grand final.

Penrith faces relegation from Premier League but only will be replaced if the winner of September's Super League grand final meets a stringent set of criteria for elevation to NSW's elite competition.

"We made the announcement a few months back about the two new clubs coming into a revamped 12-team competition next year," said Football NSW Media Officer Angela Habashy last week. And the AIS was not in the mix.

The two newcomers to the 2008 NSW Premier League are Macarthur Rams and West Sydney Berries.

AIS head coach and former Socceroo Steve O'Connor was scathing in his response to the NSW knock-back.

"We've been rejected by NSW before and I just don't understand it. From my perspective they are anti-development," said O'Connor.

"Remember too that I'm from NSW. I went through their system and was their technical director.

"From this country's point of view these elite kids need that level of competition. If they don't have it then in another 10 years time you'll hear people asking where the next batch of gifted youngsters is coming from.

"The Victorian Premier League is a decent league and presents a great challenge for the boys and whatever the cost it's well worth it."

That cost is believed to be close to \$250,000 but O'Connor's response to the closed NSW door suggests that the bean counters won't restrict his outfit's continued participation south of the border.

Sweet music to the ears of Football

Federation Victoria CEO Mark Rendell who hoped financial considerations would not undermine the continued involvement of the Canberra-based youngsters.

"I think the AIS adds great value to the competition," said Rendell.

"However, it's costing them a lot of money to come here and compete on a week-to-week basis and that's something that no doubt they

that the promotion and relegation decisions announced by the FFV board on Friday 23 February this year will stand.

There's been much conjecture among Victorian football followers this season about whether or not the February announcements were set in stone but although the decisions were taken before Rendell's tenure, he sees no reason why the board would overturn them.

That's in spite of the rumour mill churning out talk of litigation on a weekly basis as some clubs allegedly mull over the possibility of clinging to their Foxtel Cup status through the courts.

So, with a handful of league games left this season let's revisit the promotion and relegation rules as set out by FFV in the belief that the sport's governing body will not have a change of heart.

The aim of the announcements was to create a 14-team (down by two) Foxtel Cup competition for 2008 with all lesser leagues numbering 12 clubs each.

A notable feature of the rules is that there will be no play-off games to decide a place in next season's State League One.

And it's a safe bet that at least one of the bottom three clubs in Provisional League Three North-West will not gain re-admission while all three bottom clubs in that league's South-East division may all be re-admitted.

That's due to the uneven number of clubs in those leagues. North-West has 12 clubs while South-East only has 11. If all three bottom

will have to take into consideration. Actually it really wouldn't be an awful lot less if they were competing in NSW.

"We have had a brief dialogue with them about their continued involvement and I'm keen to see them stay in the competition."

Should the AIS maintain its Foxtel Cup status as expected, it now seems almost certain

clubs in North-West were to be re-admitted it would leave that league with an unwieldy number of 13 participating clubs.

By Craig MacKenzie

Photo by John Punshon

By Adrian Ceddia

Photo by VIS

VICTORIANS DOMINATE NATIONAL SELECTIONS

Some of the best football talent in Victoria will be on display for Australia in the next few weeks after the announcement of the Australian U17 team.

Six Victorian players – all scholarship holders at the Victorian Institute of Sport – have been selected to represent the Australian U17 team in the Toyota International Youth Tournament starting this week.

Selected by Australian Joeys coach Martyn Crook, the group consists of Bailey Wright, Kamal Ibrahim, Teddy Yabio, Petar Franjic, Fabio DiLizia and Anthony Bran.

Fellow VIS player James Jeggo was named on standby.

The team will participate in the tournament against nations including Japan, the US and Nagoya.

The VIS contingent represents six out of 18 players in the Australian team, and the players were included on the back of their

performances at the Institute Challenge earlier this month, held at the AIS.

The team won three out of five matches, including a 6-0 defeat of Tasmania, to be one of the standout teams at the tournament.

"To have a third of the squad selected from the VIS/ FFV development system is a great achievement for the boys," VIS head coach Ian Greener said.

The team spent four days in Sydney last week in a training camp, before flying out for Japan on the weekend.

Australia plays Nagoya on 7 August, Japan on 9 August and the USA on 11 August, before the finals day on 12 August.



FFV/VIS players selected in the Australian U17 team: Petar Franjic (Greensborough), Fabio Di Lizia (Gladstone Park), Bailey Wright (from Langwarrin South), Anthony Bran (Beaumaris), Kamal Ibrahim (Port Melbourne), Teddy Yabio (St Albans).



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WELLINGTON
PHOENIX

By Simon Chiarelli
Photos by Therese Duffy

An under strength Wellington Phoenix has advanced to the fifth-place playoff of the pre-season cup, recording a come-from-behind 2-1 win over reigning premiers Melbourne Victory at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Falling behind late in the first half through a Karl Dodd own goal, Wellington clawed their way back into the match as Shane Smeltz scored an equaliser in the 53rd minute before Daniel capped a dazzling display with an emphatic winner three minutes from time, smashing past Michael Theoklitos from close range.

Coach Ernie Merrick lamented his team's lack of cutting edge in front of goal as the A-League reigning champions' winless streak extended to four.

Merrick said: "It was a scrappy game, there were a lot of chances for both teams, and Wellington took theirs."

"I thought we had more than enough opportunities (to win). We score one and should have scored another."

Merrick was frustrated at his side's performance but praised Wellington for their endeavour, indicating he expected the Phoenix to turn heads this season.

"They play a high risk style of football where they sacrifice a lot at the back and do get caught out, but if you don't punish them, they will create pressure and score goals," he said.

"I thought we played well in patches and created some good opportunities but at other times looked very disorganised."

"Obviously new players have got to settle in, but we conceded an incredibly cheap first goal."

The Brazilian winger was undoubtedly the star of the match, treating fans to a foot-balling master class as he impressed with his dazzling footwork and weaving runs.

Having failed to secure a victory in the group stage of the tournament, Melbourne were keen to atone for that fact early as a Ljubo Milicevic header was scrambled to safety.

PHOENIX RISES TO VICTORY

Newcomers display a competitiveness to be respected

Signed by Melbourne in an attempt provide some much needed impetus from defence, Matthew Kemp started impressively and embarked on a barnstorming run which almost resulted in a goal.

On his first trip back to Olympic Park since his move across the Tasman, Michael Ferrante starred, marshalling the centre of the park with authority and a sense of purpose. He was ably assisted by Daniel, who tormented the Victory back four endlessly with his slight of foot, awareness and searing turn of pace.

And it was indeed the combination of Ferrante and Daniel, which came closest to producing the game's first goal after 11 minutes.

Ferrante whipped in a free kick perilously towards the near post, finding Daniel, but the former Botafogo star flashed his headed attempt just wide with Theoklitos well beaten.

The early scare spurred the home side into action, with the midfield combination of Kevin Muscat and Grant Brebner beginning to dominate proceedings, dictating the tempo of play.

But while his team mates sprang to life, the much-feted Carlos Hernandez struggled to make an impact, looking sluggish and desperately short of speed.

Following a fruitless Asian Cup campaign that yielded little game time, Archie Thompson was eager to impress on his season debut, providing the Phoenix with a glimpse of what is to come in round one with his nimble footwork and blistering pace.

And in the 31st minute, Thompson almost conjured the opening goal as he cut inside and shot into the grateful arms of Glen Moss before scoring a one-on-one opportunity soon after.

Melbourne were soon rewarded for its persistence though, and secured a scarcely deserved lead in the 34th minute after Karl Dodd deflected a low Thompson ball past a flat-footed Moss.

But rather than become despondent and wallow in self-pity, the Phoenix responded almost immediately, launching a wave of attacks

on the Melbourne goal with defender Steven Old coming closest to finding the back of the net.

The former Newcastle Jets player rattled the woodwork with an impressive volley as he latched onto a dipping Ferrante corner late in the first half.

Seven minutes into the second stanza, Wellington restored parity as Shane Smeltz scored a thoroughly deserved equaliser.

After earning a free kick on the right, Daniel's quickly taken effort caught Melbourne's defence off guard and split it in two, finding Smeltz who clinically applied the finish.

Despite fielding a close to full strength side, Melbourne were a shadow of the team which dominated the A-League last season, lacking the spirit, movement and incisive inter-play which was a hallmark of the side, while in stark contrast, the Phoenix were in full flight.

With the threat of penalties looming ominously in the distance, the game degenerated into an end-to-end war of attrition, with neither side were able to maintain possession for extended periods of time.

But with only three minutes of normal time remaining, Daniel popped up to score the winner, playing a neat one-two with Smeltz before smashing the ball past a flat-footed Theoklitos to complete a man-of-the-match performance.

Melbourne Victory 1 (Dodd 34' og)
Wellington Phoenix 2 (Smeltz 53', Daniel 87')
Saturday, 4 August, 2007
Olympic Park Stadium, Melbourne
Referee: Kevin DOCHERTY
Crowd: 4100

Melbourne Victory: 1. Michael THEOKLITOS (gk), 2. Kevin MUSCAT (Captain), 3. Daniel PIORKOWSKI, 5. Ljubo MILICEVIC, 7. Matthew KEMP (15. Leandro LOVE 79'), 8. Grant BREBNER, 9. Danny ALLSOPP, 10. Archie THOMPSON, 11. Joseph KEENAN (18. Leigh BROXHAM 46'), 12. Rodrigo VARGAS,

16. Carlos HERNANDEZ

Yellow cards: Milicevic 23', Allsopp 45', Muscat 65', Broxham 83'

Wellington Phoenix: 20. Glen MOSS (gk), 2. Jeremy CHRISTIE, 3. Tony LOCHHEAD, 5. Karl TODD, 7. Ross ALOISI (Captain), 8. Vaughn COVENY (22. Royce BROWNLIE 83'), 9. Shane SMELTZ, 10. Michael FERRANTE, 11. DANIEL, 13. Steven OLD, 14. Steven O'DOR

Yellow cards: Dodd 67', Coveny 68'

VICTORY PLAYER RATINGS

Michael THEOKLITOS 6 – Solid performance but disposal was poor

Kevin MUSCAT 5 – Unable to exert influence on the contest

Daniel PIORKOWSKI 6 - Slotted into central defensive position well

Ljubo MILICEVIC 5 – Seemed frustrated and was frustrated by an early yellow card

Matthew KEMP 6 – Pushed forward early but his influence soon tapered away

Grant BREBNER 5 – Clearly lacking match fitness on first team return

Danny ALLSOPP 5 – A non-factor throughout

Archie THOMPSON 7 – Influential display on return to the starting line-up

Joseph KEENAN 6 – Played a role in the first half but faded in the second

Rodrigo VARGAS 5 – Lacklustre performance from usually assured defender

Carlos HERNANDEZ 5 – Still short of match fitness, Hernandez drifted in and out of the contest

Substitutes

Leandro LOVE 79 5 – Struggled to impress on debut

Leigh BROXHAM 46' – Restored balance to the midfield



Phoenix 'keeper Glen Moss attempts to get a glove on the ball through what appears to be a sea of legs. Daniel Allsopp leads the charge for Melbourne Victory.





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By Teo Pellizzeri

DUNKERLEY WINS FFV PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Vows to overhaul youth and country pathways

Tony Dunkerley is the face of Victorian football's new era, the president starting his four-year term this week after being elected on Thursday night.

Dunkerley heads a board of six with two more members to be co-opted in the near future; the directors are Chris Nikou, Nick Monteleone, Jamie Parsons, Mark Trajcevski and Bart Harrold.

Dunkerley will have an interesting time uniting the interests of the board on the matter of the top men's league in the state, but the philosophies on overhauling youth development and giving country Victoria better pathways to the elite level are on the agenda of every director.

"I just want to say how honoured I am that of the quality people who stood for this position, that I, Tony Dunkerley have taken this role," was Dunkerley's first line to his voters, the 30 FFV members and zone representatives. "I was confident that I would be elected but Victorian football had never seen this sort of a process," Dunkerley said.

"I believe I can cover the total facets of the game, when I saw the six standing committees of men's, women's, juniors, coaches, referees and futsal I knew I'd done a lot of work already in those areas.

With presidential candidates Chris Nikou and Nick Monteleone elected to director positions on the board Dunkerley said it would be an interesting process finding a unanimous strategy.

"We're meeting in September with Mark Rendell the CEO to get the right strategy.

"We will decide on what we want to do and part of that will be getting out to the areas of the zone representatives to make sure we



The FFV's newly elected President, Tony Dunkerley, field questions from GW's George Stogiannou and Teo Pellizzeri last Thursday night.

have the right idea."

Dunkerley is a big advocate of artificial fields and futsal centres, just how difficult the process of negotiating for facility funding will be is yet to be known.

"We've got to work with all levels of government and start straight away," Dunkerley said.

"We'll be going to every local council with our ideas and strategy."

Youth development will be high on the FFV agenda under Dunkerley, the Australian and Victorian Institute of Sport teams can look forward to a future as a team in the top Victorian league should the money be arranged.

"We have to get our elite pathways right from juniors through the AIS and A-League," Dunkerley said.

"There is already evidence there of how well things are going, I will push for the AIS if they are financially able to stay.

"We've given the AIS what they were begging for, games against established men's teams."

There is no word as yet on plans for the reformatting of the top men's, women's and junior leagues in the state, but Dunkerley will have no shortage of help from Nikou and Monteleone who both had established plans for a new look league in 2009

END OF AN ERA FOR VASKO

Vasko Stojcevski's time at the FFV is up, his failure to gain re-election as president of the federation drawing an end to his time in football politics.

"First things first, my time as an administrator of the game is over," Stojcevski said.

"I am a lover of the game and I'll still be there watching, watching peacefully without being asked questions."

But Stojcevski was not categorically ruling himself out of assisting the administration of Victorian football in future.

"When it comes to revamping the men's competition I would like to think that I've got something to offer if the current board calls upon me," he said.

"I'd like to think my strong contacts with football and government will be passed on, the knowledge and information I have is not going to be filed and walk away forever.

Stojcevski said he hoped that the constitutional reform passed during his presidency would serve the game well.

"I think the stakeholders were heard and that the game has moved to a situation where everyone is involved, boys, girls and country," he said.

"I would like to think then that my legacy was one where the game was made available to everyone, I hope these new guys are representative of that."

Stojcevski laughed when asked for his favourite memory from his time at the FFV. "Tonight is one moment," he said.

"To have representatives from all over the state here, it bought a smile to my face.

"For the first time in FFV history we have figures like Ben Buckley coming to present, I wanted an inclusive and transparent process and I think we got that tonight."

Stojcevski wants the game to develop under the new board, hopeful that it could deliver to the Victorian public.

"I hope we see an open and inclusive board, come September when Mark Rendell, the board and the zone representatives get together I hope they formulate a good

strategic plan.

"I say to Tony Dunkerley, watch out for the vocal people out there, I'll be one of them now that I'm on the other side of the fence."



Outgoing President, Vasko Stojcevski addresses the congress before the verdict.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Preston Lions	21	11	8	2	38	20	38	
Green Gully Cavaliers	21	10	7	4	31	19	37	
Oakleigh Cannons	21	10	5	6	38	26	35	
Altona Magic	21	9	7	5	29	22	34	
Whittlesea Zebras	21	10	4	7	24	23	34	
South Melbourne	21	9	6	6	37	27	33	
Melbourne Knights	20	9	5	6	22	14	32	
Heidelberg Utd	21	9	5	7	30	31	32	
Essendon Royals	21	7	7	7	25	29	28	
Richmond	21	8	3	10	33	28	27	
A.I.S	20	8	2	10	26	26	26	
Western Suburbs	21	5	9	7	14	23	24	
Sunshine Georgies	20	5	8	7	19	22	23	
Fawkner Blues	21	6	5	10	18	25	23	
Kingston City	20	5	5	10	21	28	20	
Springvale White Eagles	21	1	2	18	12	54	5	

RESULTS		
Oakleigh Cannons	0 - 0	Essendon Royals
Altona Magic	0 - 0	Sunshine Georgies
Springvale White Eagles	0 - 2	Kingston City
Fawkner Blues	1 - 4	Heidelberg United
Melbourne Knights	0 - 2	South Melbourne
Whittlesea Zebras	1 - 1	Preston Lions
Green Gully Cavaliers	1 - 0	Richmond Eagles
Western Suburbs	1 - 0	AIS

UNDER 21 DETAILS	
Oakleigh Cannons 0 Essendon Royals 2, Altona Magic 1 Sunshine Georgies 0, Springvale White Eagles 1 Kingston City 6, Melbourne Knights 7 South Melbourne 0, Fawkner Blues 2 Heidelberg Utd 0, V.I.S Western Suburbs , Whittlesea Zebras 4 Preston Lions 1, Green Gully Cavaliers Richmond	
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Melbourne Knights	20 16 2 2 54 14 50
Whittlesea Zebras	21 11 3 7 45 28 36
Kingston City	19 11 2 6 36 27 35
Essendon Royals	20 11 2 7 30 26 35
V.I.S	18 10 2 6 32 21 32
Sunshine Georgies	19 10 2 7 32 23 32
Richmond	19 9 4 6 34 28 31
Oakleigh Cannons	20 9 3 8 37 33 30
Western Suburbs	20 8 4 8 34 30 28
Springvale White Eagles	21 8 3 10 30 48 27
Fawkner Blues	20 7 5 8 25 30 26
Green Gully Cavaliers	20 7 4 9 29 29 25
Heidelberg Utd	20 7 4 9 24 33 25
Preston Lions	19 5 4 10 30 36 16
South Melbourne	20 3 2 15 25 54 11
Altona Magic	20 2 2 16 17 54 8

THE TOP MARKSMEN	
Player, Club	Goals
Masi, Esala Oakleigh Cannons FC	11
Georgioski, Blaze Preston Lions SC	10
Diaco, Ricky South Melbourne FC	10
Curcija, Michael Altona Magic SC	9
Nilo, Juan Oakleigh Cannons FC	9
Lagana, Frankie M Essendon Royals SC	8
Pelikan, Anthony Melbourne Knights	8
Tsiorlas, Mark Fawkner Blues SC	8
Becvinovski, Saso Altona Magic SC	7
Sapazovski, Johnny Preston Lions SC	7
Vulic, Antun Kingston City FC	7

UPCOMING FIXTURES

South Melbourne v Fawkner Blues Bob Jane Stadium Fri 10 Aug KO 8:15PM
Essendon Royals v Melbourne Knights Veneto Social Club Fri 10 Aug KO 8:15PM
Richmond Eagles v Preston Lions Kevin Bartlett Reserve Fri 10 Aug KO 8:15PM
Heidelberg Utd v Altona Magic Olympic Park (Village) Sun 12 Aug KO 3:00PM
Western Suburbs v Springvale White Eagles Ralph Reserve Sun 12 Aug KO 3:00PM
Sunshine Georgies v A.I.S Chaplin Reserve Sun 12 Aug KO 3:00PM
Kingston City v Whittlesea Zebras The Grange Reserve Sun 12 Aug KO 5:00PM
Green Gully Cavaliers v Oakleigh Cannons Green Gully Reserve Sun 12 Aug KO 6:00PM

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SOUTH'S SECOND HALF SHOCKS KNIGHTS

South replaces Knights in Top Six

On a typically cold Melbourne winter day, the historical derby between the Melbourne Knights and South Melbourne added a new chapter to the archives. This time it was a strong second half performance by South that saw the Blues run out 2-0 victors.

Both sides were hesitant to attack and seemed content to feel each other out in the opening ten minutes, which proved to be a pre-cursor to the remainder of the half.

A 28th minute pot shot by Billy Natsioulas caused little trouble for Adrian Cagalj but dipped at the last minute, giving the crowd reason to awake from their slumber.

In the 31st minute, the Knights produced their best move of the match when Ivan Franjic and Anthony Pelikan combined to create a chance for Joe Spiteri. Unfortunately the low cross eluded the experienced marksman and the score remained goal less.

The Knights did have a goal disallowed for a clear offside in the 41st minute when Pelikan poked home a loose ball, but that was the only fluster of excitement that the crowd had for the opening half.

An equally cagey start to the second half saw the Knights create an excellent opportunity in the 60th minute, which should have resulted in an opening goal. Joe Spiteri combined well with Pelikan to create an opening for the latter, but Pelikan's side foot shot went agonisingly wide of Mitchell Langarek's goal.

Spiteri created another opportunity for Pelikan in the 63rd minute, but this time the Knights attacker allowed the ball to run for substitute Mate Dugandzic. The young attacker saw the ball bobble slightly on the bumpy pitch just as he connected, which meant his shot flew high over Langarek's goal.

A minute later and South Melbourne stole the lead when a clever run and cross by

Trent Waterson gave Natsioulas a chance with a glancing header. The South midfielder dually flicked home the opener ahead of the onrushing Cagalj, giving South a shock lead.

Still shell-shocked by that opening goal, the Knights usually reliable defence fell asleep and allowed Waterson to cross for an unmarked Nathan Caldwell, who neatly finished off the move and indeed the Knights.

For the remainder of the game, the visitors seemed content to hold on to the result, whilst the Knights lacked both the energy and the intelligence to create any meaningful opportunities.

The referee's final whistle ended the Knights misery and kept Chris Taylor's side's top six position in jeopardy. For John Anastasiadis, his side looks to be coming right for the business end of the season and should be a major player in the finals series.

Knights Line up: Cagalj, Iosifidis, Milardovic, Piorkowski, Grbesa, Spiteri, Matkovic (Visevic 70th), Franjic, Kiratzoglou (Dugandzic 58th), Pelikan, Watson

Subs Tomic, Dugandzic, Batur, Visevic, Walden

South Line up: Langerak, Tsonis, De Vito (Vasquez 45th), Waterson, Van Dommele, Caldwell, Natsioulas, Diaco, Tavangioglou, Yusuf (Bourakis 36th), De Nittis.

Subs Drakopoulos, Bourakis, Vasquez, Wynnies, Tosic

Crowd: Approx 2000



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Above: Knights' Adrian Cagalj is unable to prevent Billy Natsioulas glance his header open the scoring for South.



South's Ricky Diaco manages to evade a challenge from Knight Steve Iosifidis in the Derby at Somers Street yesterday.



Melbourne Knights' Cameron Watson slides in a tackle against South's Daniel Vasquez.



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**KINGSTON
CITY**

By John Kakouros
Photos by John Punshon

REDS PREVAIL OVER WHITE EAGLES

Two goal Vulic seals it for Kingston

A small crowd of dedicated Springvale and Kingston supporters braved the cold and wet elements to watch an attacking game played in extremely difficult conditions that saw Kingston win 2-0 thanks to two second half goals by Antun Vulic.

The game started with both teams playing fluent attacking football in the wet and slippery conditions. Kingston was desperate to win this game and keep in touch with the other teams that are fighting relegation, whereas Springvale who cannot escape relegation and had nothing to lose were looking for their second win of the season.

The young Springvale team that fielded another 16 year old in Tintor matched it with the more experienced Kingston in the first half, however they lost their stopper Ristic midway through the second half and finally succumbed the more desperate Reds.

Springvale began the first half confidently and tried to outpace the Kingston full backs Tolios and Latinopoulos through their speedy wingers Pavasovic and Zoric who pressed forward at every opportunity and put the Kingston defence under constant pressure.

The first opportunity for goal fell to Antun Vulic in the 6th minute when Latinopoulos found Vulic unmarked at the edge of the eighteen yard box however the Kingston top scorer failed to control the ball which was cleared by the Springvale defence.

In the 19th minute Stamatiou's quick ball found Greechan on the edge of the penalty box who turned his player and made room to shoot only to shoot straight at the goalie who parried the ball straight back at Greechan whose second shot from a tight angle went across goal and out for a goal kick.

Kingston continued to dominate the game in the first half hour and in the 35th minute their captain Dean Tsiaras won the ball in defence ran through the middle and found Vulic. His deft touch found the overlapping Marrone who was playing in midfield and his shot was charged down by the desperate Springvale defence.

In the final 10 minutes of the first half Springvale found their composure and confidence and created three great

opportunities to open the score. In the 37th minute a long ball over the Kingston defence almost found Zoric on the right flank however Tsiaras did well to intercept and clear the danger. Four minutes later Mrdic missed the best opportunity to score for Springvale. A long ball by Springvale found Zoric on the left flank after Wilson lost his footing in the Reds defence. Zoric took the ball to the edge of the eighteen yard box and cross to Mrdic who was completely unmarked, however he failed to control the ball and shhot with the goal at his mercy.

In the last two minute Springvale were unlucky not to score. Firstly when a cross was dropped by Andrews and the ball was cleared by Kingston and in the last minute of the first half when the speedy Zoric beat his marker and cross to Mrdic who was once again unmarked just outside the six yard box. The tall forward tried to control the ball in the wet and slippery conditions instead of heading the ball directly at goal.

The second half was dominated by Kingston who took control of the midfield and created several opportunities before they broke the deadlock.

In the 53rd minute Kingston won a free kick in front of Springvale's goal which was taken quickly by Latinopoulos and the ball was passed to Marrone who beat his player to score for Kingston, however the referee disallowed the goal and the free kick was retaken.

Five minute later Antun Vulic should have opened the score for Kingston when Greechan cut the ball back to the Kingston centre forward who had slipped his marker and only had the goalie to beat however he was not able to control the ball and it was cleared by Springvale.

In the 61st minute the Kingston pressure finally pays off and Vulic scores his first goal for the night. A quick break by Kingston down the left flank sees Latinopoulos carry the ball to the edge of the eighteen yard box. His low cross to Ross is stepped over by the Kingston midfielder and the ball finds Vulic who side foots the ball under the goalies arms to score his eight goal of the season.



Kingston's Dean Tsiaras played a crucial role in his sides triumph on the weekend is seen here from a fixture earlier in the season.

Ten minutes later Vulic had another opportunity to double his score when a long ball by Tolios found the tall forward who controlled the ball and shot straight at the goalie.

In the eighty seventh minute Vulic seals the win with a great second goal. From a corner the ball is cleared by the Springvale defence, however the ball lands with Wilson who crosses low across goal to the edge of the six yard box where Vulic blasts the ball past the keeper and into the top right corner of the goal.

Springvale coach Zlatko Mihalovic was proud of his young team and rued the missed chances in the first half claiming, "In the last 15 minutes of the first half we did not

take our chances and as the game progressed we lost confidence.

The longer the game goes our confidence decreases. Through out the season we cop goals in the last twenty minutes."

When asked where the game was lost Mihalovic's responded with "We are a young team and today we introduced another sixteen year old. The youngster are not strong enough and get pushed off the ball easily. We

tried to go wide and expose Kingston's lack of speed in defence but we failed to get the ball forward in the second half."

The Kingston coach Dean Hennesey was relieved to get the three points and keep in touch with the other teams in the relegation zone. "We have a competitive team and don't deserve to be in the relegation zone. We have won points against the top teams and dropped points against the bottom teams. This game was always going to be tight as Springvale have nothing to lose and they were not afraid to attack."

When asked tonight performance Hennesey responded "I was not happy with the first half however the performance of the whole team in the second half was encouraging."

Man of the Match Dean Tsiaras (Kingston City)

Kingston: B Andrews, N Tolios, D Tsiaras, A Wilson, J Latinopoulos, N Stamatiou, F O'Calmain, A Ross (A Jerez 78'), A Vulic, C Greechan, M Marrone

Better players for Kingston: Tsiaras, Marrone, Vulic, Ross

Springvale: N Roganovic, D. Nikolic, B Bajic, D Ristic (Georghegian 70'), G Mrdic, T Racunica, D Mirkovic, N Pavasovic, G Zoric, L Nikolic (Tintor 71'), Preredovic

Better players for Springvale White Eagles: Zoric, Pavasovic, Bajic

Crowd: 200-250

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SUNSHINE
GEORGIESBy Lachlan Taylor
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GEORGIES HALT MAGIC'S WINNING STREAK

Draw no help for either side

Altona Magic and Sunshine Georgies have played out a scoreless draw in torrential conditions at Paisley Park tonight.

The match was an important one for both sides, with Altona looking for their fifth win in a row and the chance to move into second place after Oakleigh's draw on Friday night.

Sunshine meanwhile is deep in a relegation battle, and a win would have been invaluable to their prospects of remaining in the top flight next season. The point sees them keeping pace with Fawkner and Western Suburbs, with a game still in hand.

Heavy rain and strong winds buffeted the pitch and made it tough for both sides to find any fluency going forward.

The first chance of the game fell to Saso Aleksovski in the 10th minute, when Michael Curcija's pass found him in space inside the box. He rounded his man and shot with his left foot only to see it go agonisingly wide.

Then just minutes later, Aleksovski turned provider, his long ball finding Saso Becvinovski streaming down the right hand side, but he too put his shot wide.

Sunshine's best chance of the half came when Nick Kalmar had his close range effort well saved by Magic keeper Bojo Jevdjovic.

The Georgies had another chance late in the half, when Brett Gilmour volleyed just over the cross bar after Anthony Magnacca's corner.

Altona continued to dominate possession at the start of the second half, but still couldn't find a way through the resolute Sunshine defence.

Michael Curcija missed a golden opportunity in the 59th minute, shooting straight at Martin John after a series of headers in the box.

Sunshine nearly got a goal against the run of play when Matthew Cini failed to connect with Alfonso Opazo's blocked shot, and had a penalty claim waved away when the Altona defender appeared to handle the ball inside the box.

The Georgies sat back as the game wore on, with plenty of men behind the ball making sure that they held on to their point.

Altona nearly stole the points in the

dying minutes through Michael Curcija, but his header was brilliantly saved by John, meaning the teams would again share the points.

Magic coach Vlado Torteovski was disappointed that his team couldn't consolidate their spot in the top six.

"We had to finish the game 0-0, we couldn't get the goal so we're not very happy," he said.

"In the first half we had a couple of good chances, then the second half we really destroyed them, but then we had some injuries with Sherifovski and Bozinovski going off so that really hurt us."

"We tried to push an extra player forward and create some more opportunities but unfortunately the strikers tried hard but not hard enough to finish them off."

"Unfortunately we've lost key players at a crucial time but I think that we've got enough depth in the team that we can keep our spot in the top six."

Man of the Match:

**Nick Kalmar
(Sunshine)**

Altona Magic:

B. Jevdjovic, S. Mrkela, L. Osman, D. Mladenovic, S. Becvinovski, Kole Delev, A. Sherifovski (P. Cergovski 23'), F. Richards, M. Curcija, S. Bozinovski (M. Velickovski 85'), S. Aleksovski

Yellow Cards: K. Delev 26', L. Osman 44'

Red Cards: none

Sunshine Georgies:

M. John, R. Napoli, I. Tsoumerkias, C. Azzopardi, V. Trpceviski (M. Esposito 77'), A. Opazo, D. Delic, M. Cini, A. Magnacca, N. Kalmar, B. Gilmour

Yellow Cards: none

Red Cards: none

Crowd: 600



Above: Doug Mladenovich exhibits some close control whilst surrounded by a couple of Sunshine Georgies players.



Below: Magic 'keeper Bojo Jevdjovic punches clear a Georgies attack.



The Jack Reilly Interview

ONCE WAS A WARRIOR

Insights of a World Cup '74 Socceroo Hero

Goal! Weekly's Addy Wetzler concludes his interview this week with 1974 World Cup Socceroo, Jack Reilly. In the second half of the series Jack talks candidly to Addy about the NSL of old, the A-league, the Socceroos and Big Jack's appointment to the FFA Board.

GW: You were also involved with the Carlton Soccer Club as the chairman.

JR: I was involved with them for the first year, and we went from not having any players eight weeks before the season, to playing in the Grand Final. And then the Carlton Football Club basically withdrew their support for the team, and I went off into the wilderness. It was just the first year I was the chairman of it. Again, it was an experience that you learn a lot from, and at that point in time, it was most probably not the right thing to happen. I don't think the average sports fan was quite ready for a new way of football.

GW: Would it have made a difference if Carlton had beaten South Melbourne in that final?

JR: To this day I say it was a bad refereeing decision that cost us the championship, but we can argue about refereeing decisions forever and a day. I thought that for the new boy in the block, I thought it was a great game that night. I thought it was a great game, the fans got their money's worth and really the result wouldn't have made any difference, it wasn't the fact that we lost the grand final, it was the fact that Carlton Football Club decided that they were not going to support a soccer club anymore and that was no good.

GW: Obviously there was the failure of Carlton and also the Collingwood club, both fairly shortlived, did you think there was room for a third NSL club behind the Melbourne Knights and South Melbourne?

JR: I think everybody believed that... I'll put it right on the table, I'm no ethnic-basher, and obviously some people call Scottish people ethnic. I think that the sport has been very fortunate that its got forty to fifty years of history from European descendants. Certain things happen on the way through, I think right now, we have now got second and third generation European descendants who are looking at things very, very differently. They are involved in the sport from a different level. They're there because they want to be, and that was a big thing with Melbourne Victory last year, we all of a sudden had families from two year old kids to seventy year old grandfathers coming to watch the game, and massive numbers of young girls – fifteen, sixteen, seventeen year olds associating with the sport for the first time because of the atmosphere. But we can never forget the forty or fifty years of intellectual property that we've got, that was given to us by the people who ran the game over a long period of time.

GW: You were involved in the NSL taskforce in 2003. Through the taskforce and the Crawford inquiry, was there a push to de-ethnicise the sport?

JR: Absolutely, no question. That was the whole thrust of the report. The report basically said 'well, if you're from an ethnic background, the sport doesn't need you'.

GW: Is that something you agree with?

JR: Not at all, not at all. I believe that we're all Australian, it's as simple as that. I believe that we are in Australia a multicultural society, and I think any stadium that can put ten, twelve, fourteen, sixteen different nationalities into it and all enjoy themselves for a sporting occasion, that's what we've got to get to. I don't care about colour, creed, religion, nationality, I don't care.

GW: So if there was the opportunity for say a South or Knights, if they were in the financial position to enter the A-League, would you support them entering as a 'Greek' or 'Croatian' side? Do you think they'd be room for an 'ethnic' team to enter the A-League as it stands now?

JR: Well we're talking hypotheticals, because the A-League is eight teams and we've got another three years to go before any decision can be made. I'm sure the league will expand and I'm sure the league will allow entry if its seen as being right for the game, to whoever they believe should be running clubs.

GW: So you don't think there'd be a push towards a generic franchise with no ethnic ties?

JR: They'll be a push towards a football club that will do the best possible thing for the game.

GW: How often do you get unlike to watch Victorian Premier League games?

JR: I get along to as many as I can, and I think the standard is quite good right now. I would like to see if at all possible more young players come through and play regularly at that level, and I would also like to think that somewhere along the line there can be co-operation between various clubs and A-League clubs, so that there is a natural progression. But like everything you've got to walk, crawl, maybe trot and then run.

GW: It would be nice to improve crowds though obviously?

JR: I think that can only be done by getting families involved, that's the secret. Everything is based on the community that we're in these days, and if there's a com-

munity involvement you've got success. It's not just a question of playing football, its a matter of appealing to your community for support.

GW: Do you think football could follow the cricket model, where you might have seen Shane Warne playing for Victoria when he didn't have Australian commitments, or playing for St Kilda in the cricket Premier League when he wasn't playing for Victoria. Sure, you might not have Harry Kewell turning up for Whittlesea Zebras next week, but if you're looking at cementing a step between the A-League and some of the top Victorian clubs, would it be possible to help foster the relationship to have A-League players making appearances in the domestic competition?

JR: I don't think the two are related. I think that every club must appeal to its community, whatever that community may be. Then what I said as far as co-operation between Premier League clubs and A-League clubs, whatever they may be, and its not necessarily a relationship between Melbourne-based clubs and Melbourne Victory, it can be Melbourne clubs and Wellington, or Brisbane, or whoever. The same way as Manchester United have feeder clubs all over the world. That's where we've got to get to. We're a long, long way off from that, but it would be good if we could see career paths for players within this country, and if we can keep them just a little bit longer, to play at A-League level. There's no way known that we're going to keep them forever and a day, the rewards are massive worldwide and we've got to be realistic about that, but there should be a career path that keeps younger players here just a little bit longer and they don't suffer because of it.

GW: So you wouldn't like to see Archie Thompson turning out for Heidelberg during the A-League off-season, or Kevin Muscat showing up for Essendon if he's recovering from an injury?

JR: No, but I'd love to see three or four potential youth internationals playing with all these clubs. I think its very much in favour of having younger teams, its difficult when winning is a very strict criteria. It's the mix the matters. Its hard. You go out to a club and say 'well you should be doing this' and they say well 'what about this week's result?' Its not easy.

GW: Do you think the Federal government's involvement in setting up the Crawford inquiry and subsequent report came about a little bit too late? Should they have become involved sooner?

JR: No, I think the Crawford Report was most probably at the right time. I think the national league was just beginning to struggle and I think we were all beginning to struggle with how we could possibly resolve the problems that were there. I'm not saying that all the problems are resolved at all, but we've gone a long way to resolving them, and I think we've got more people enjoying football now than we've ever had enjoying it. But I think the Crawford Report was most probably at the right time.

GW: You already mentioned Melbourne Victory, what has your involvement been? You've been on the board, but have you had much of a hands-on role in the running of the club?

JR: None other than being a board member. Its like asking me if I've got anything to do with the coaches of the Australian teams, I don't expect to have anything to do with that, as a board member you set the policy and the strategy and then hold people accountable for the delivery on them. I think thats what Melbourne Victory did very well last year, they held everybody accountable for what they were doing, and that showed through in results, it showed through in satisfaction of supporters, it was just fantastic for the game.

GW: So to use your own word there, have Ernie Merrick and Gary Cole been accountable?

JR: Absolutely. They've been totally accountable for what they've been doing, and it was a slight change from the first year because everybody was learning I think. I didn't have an involvement, but I think everybody was learning, everybody was trying to do the right thing, but there's no substitute in sport or business or in your own life for accountability, and if you run away from that you're never going to get anywhere as a result.

GW: Sunday June 3rd was your appointment to the FFA board, has that been something that you feel has been coming to you for a while now?

JR: I think in everything in life you try to serve an apprenticeship and do the best thing you can possibly do by whatever it may be, and there was nobody in this country happier than me when I got appointed to the FFA board. I just hope that I can deliver in the manner that people think I might be able to.

GW: Your relationship with Frank Lowy – how long have you known him?

JR: I've known Frank Lowy since 1970, when he was the chairman of the Hakoah Club in Sydney. The man's veins just pulse football, and what I did see on Sunday at the Extraordinary General Meeting, was a unification that I've never seen in football. All state federations were represented there, and it was a totally unified outlook on the game, and I would hope that thats the foundation that we can build on going forward.



GW: There's no doubt you'd hope that Frank Lowy is at the helm for a long period to come?

JR: I think that Frank Lowy has done so much. First and foremost Crawford set the scene, and then Frank Lowy came along and delivered on the planks of the Crawford Report. That's taken the best part of three and a half to four years, and now we've got to build on very, very solid foundations we've got, in order to try and make the game mainstream. And there's no better person to lead it than Frank Lowy.

GW: Do you feel there's a clear mandate for the board?

JR: Absolutely. There was a strategy and mandate spelt out to all members at the meeting, and there was agreement that its still in the throes of being finalised, but it was shown in its form and there was agreement on the way forward, so I would hope that everybody tries to deliver.

GW: What can Jack Reilly bring to the FFA board?

JR: What I can bring to the board is almost immaterial. The only things that I think about is one, winning the World Cup, and two, performing particularly well in Asia, three, setting the scenario for everyone who is involved in the game to enjoy it, and just let the game become the success I've always believed for the last thirty five years it should be.

GW: You mentioned the Asian Cup, how important is success there? It looks like we'll go in as favourites, or very close to...

JR: We've got a team of highly professional players, I should think that we should be favourites. I'd love to think that we could win it, but if we don't win it, its not going to be the end of the world, we've got to plan again for the future and not have too shortsighted a view of the world. I can't see us being where we've got to get to within three years, within five we may be beginning to get there, but it might take a bit longer.

GW: Lucas Neill has made comments to suggest that not winning the Asian Cup would be regarded as nothing short of a failure, thats not how you feel?

JR: I don't consider anything failure if whoever is trying to achieve puts their best into it. Thats all you can do. Put your best into it. Of course I would love us to win, winning is almost everything, but not quite. Lucas has maybe made a bit of a rod for his own back with that statement.

GW: It's good to hear the players speaking like that though isn't it?

JR: Absolutely. Its great that they've got that confidence.

GW: So when are we going to win the World Cup?

JR: Its not going to be 2010. But I think we should be brave enough to be setting the trend to try and stage a World Cup by maybe 2018 or 2022, then maybe that's

the dual goal. A lot has to be done to achieve that, there's no doubt we have to provide the facilities and the background for young players to continue to come through the system better prepared than they've ever been. By that I mean, I still think we lack natural skills, and you have to improve in that area. We can run with the best, we can fight with the best, we can compete with the best, once we put that together with just a little bit more finesse, we'll be very very hard to beat.

GW: And you believe that Asia is the right path for moving forward?

JR: I do. But I also think that we've got to have the highest calibre of competition all the time.

GW: It goes without saying that there's a massive difference between the game today and when you were running around with the jersey on, as far as fame, money...

JR: We got \$2000 for going to the World Cup in 1974.

GW: Does it disappoint you that you're not playing in today's era of football?

JR: I would give an arm, a leg, a lung, my heart... everything I've got... to be out there playing again today, but its not going to happen, so therefore I've got to do the next best thing, and try to create the environment where others can be successful.

GW: Apart from the fact that you might struggle in goals without that arm and leg, what difference between 'now' and 'then' do you regret the most? Is it the money, the crowds, the fame?

JR: Back then it was a hobby, and something that we wanted to be successful at, now its a business, its not a hobby, they have to be successful, and there's huge money at stake. Its a little bit like the chicken and egg situation, thats how it is. Or the chicken and pig. The chicken says 'my egg is a contribution', the pig says 'well my contribution is totality'. I think that we've got a fantastic base now from which to build. Our players are as professional as any in the world, and they are competing at the highest level. And unlike most people, I do think that we have a lot of good young players coming through at the moment.

GW: What will Jack Reilly's legacy be, firstly to football, and secondly to Australia, if we can separate the two?

JR: Jack Reilly's legacy is only a matter for Jack Reilly's mind. Provided what goes on in my mind, I can get the message across in the best possible way, so that everybody can succeed. Then I'll be happy.

By Addy Wetzler

Final Part

Frankston's Andrew Skledar

CATCH US IF YOU CAN!

Skledar says Pines belong at top level

Frankston Pines midfielder Andrew Skledar makes no bones about it. From the start of the 2007 season his club's number one goal was to regain its Premier League status because "that's where we belong".

"We haven't been getting ahead of ourselves and we know that it's definitely going to be a battle but we remain completely focussed on the job at hand," said the 22-year-old.

One of his teammates suggested otherwise a few weeks back. As this teammate strolled off the park after a win he grabbed club legend Tommy Mitchell and started sniffing the air. "Can you smell that, Tommy?" asked the player. "Smell what?" said Mitchell.

"Premier League, Tommy, Premier League," said the player.

Skledar laughs that off as a bit of idle banter but the story did the rounds of opposition clubs within days of Mitchell innocently recounting it and – wait for it – Pines started dropping points shortly after.

So much so that the race for promotion in Division One has become a traffic jam involving at least four clubs – Pines, Coburg United, Bentleigh Greens and Langwarrin – with St Albans and Southern Stars just off the pace going into last weekend's round of games.

"We play Bentleigh, Coburg and St Albans in the last six games but right now our fate is in our own hands. They are chasing us," said Skledar. And if experience counts for anything in the run home, Pines will more than hold their own.

The Monterey Reserve outfit may have lost a handful of players from last year's squad after being relegated from Premier League but two linchpins remained.

"Keeping Cameron (Leopold) and Nicky (Waite) was great. They are the leaders and when they lift it up a notch it lifts the other players too."

Skledar caused a minor stir in the local area when he quit Langwarrin and re-joined Pines five weeks before the start of this season. Most football followers in that neck of the woods were hankering for a series of local derbies featuring relegated Pines, Langwarrin, and newly promoted Casey Comets with Pines and Langwarrin vying for City of Frankston bragging rights. It came as a shock to the Langwarrin first team squad one training night when coach Gus Macleod announced that Skledar had joined their local rival.

But those that have followed Skledar's career would have noted it swinging like a pendulum to and fro between these two clubs.

South-Australian born Skledar started playing with Frankston United at under-7 level but after playing in the under 12s he spent a season with Sandringham City juniors before joining Langwarrin where he progressed into the reserves squad.

The highlight of his junior career came when he represented Vic country in the national under-16 titles at Parklea in Sydney in 2001. Although goal difference stopped the side from advancing from its group, a win against Vic metro was a proud moment for the youngsters.

Skledar made his first pit stop at Pines in the 2003 Premier League season, the first half of which was spent in the reserves but in the second half of the season he spent some time on the first team bench thanks to coach Stan Webster.



Andrew Skledar skips clear of Langwarrin opponent Shane Tagliaferro during the recent Peninsula Derby.

In 2004 he started in the ones on a few occasions until a torn hip flexor muscle at training sidelined him for 13 weeks.

"I just couldn't stretch out properly and it was a difficult injury to overcome. I played a game in the ones against Green Gully when I came back then spent what was left of the season in the twos." The need for regular first team football was the main lure for Skledar's return to Langwarrin, newly promoted to Division One for the 2005 season.

Skledar featured regularly in the Langwarrin first team in 2005 and the following year he started quite a few games in the first half of the season with some substitute appearances thrown in. However, in the second half of that season he challenged for a high ball against Brunswick City at Lawton Park and fell awkwardly, dislocating his elbow and bringing a premature end to his season.

He started pre-season training with Langwarrin before last Christmas and looked fit and sharp before his sudden departure to Pines earlier this year.

"It was nothing to do with the social side of things because Langwarrin is a great club. It was purely and simply a football decision.

"I just wasn't enjoying my football any more and I thought that by changing clubs I might be able to get that buzz back."

He contacted Pines senior coach Adam Jamieson and received a positive response so the move took place.

"I've played just about everywhere so far this season with Pines.

"I've been used to plug a few holes but for the last month or so I've been on the right wing and I enjoy playing there. I feel more comfortable in that role and I think that's

why I play better out wide.

"My game relies a lot on hard running and fitness is my biggest thing. If I get into a game early and get a bit of the ball it sets me up for a good game.

"I'd like to get physically stronger though and I'd like to improve my crossing."

Skledar has noted different playing styles between Pines and Langwarrin although he has had little trouble adjusting to the Pines style.

"I think we play a more up tempo type of game at Pines. Langwarrin likes to control the game more and get it played at their pace and if they do that they can really hurt you."

Skledar's confidence in his teammates at Pines looks well-founded and he even goes as far as saying that this current Pines squad would hold its own in Premier League.

"I definitely believe that it would (hold its own). I think a couple of new players would help to give us more depth but this current squad would give a really good account of themselves in Premier League."

If Pines get promoted Skledar is keen to stay.

He's already played at Premier League level but there's still the matter of some unfinished business as he'd relish the chance to cement a spot in the starting line-up in the higher competition.

And if Pines don't get promoted and Langwarrin does?

Well, he won't need a Melways to find his way to Lawton Park.



Frankston Pines midfielder Andrew Skledar.

By Craig MacKenzie

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NSW GRAND FINAL

DEMONS CROWNED NSW CHAMPS

Fans filing out of CUA Stadium at Penrith could hardly believe it, not even Demons coach Aytek Genc could believe it either – Blacktown City are the 2007 Telechoice Premier League Champions after one of the most gripping Grand Finals in recent memory.

Down and all but out, the Premiers who have made Lazarus like comebacks an artform with their take no prisoners approach, fighting their way back from 1-1 with ten men to defeat Bankstown City and lift the coveted silverware.

"There is a lot of character in this side, we could have thrown in the towel but they never gave up and came back when they were under pressure," said Genc.

The Demons players unable to contain their emotion at the final whistle after upstaging the resurgent Bankstown City side during a pulsating second half. The 76th minute second off of playmaker Gabriel 'Chi Chi' Mendez should have signalled the end for the Blacktown challenge but despite being down to ten men for the last fourteen minutes, they fought back and in a tough physical contest finished all over a disappointing Bankstown City.

Up 1-0 on 29 minutes, the Demons held the advantage for the majority of the match after some poor marking gifted them the opening goal. Sydney Olympic discard Michael Cindric, who replaced the suspended Bobby Dragas, leaping high at the back post to nod home a Brendan Renaud corner during an otherwise uninspiring first half. The match not opening up till halfway through the second half as both sides went blow for blow as they sought to etch out a definitive effort.

After watching captain/coach Peter Tsekenis make an almost calamitous defensive error which almost gifted Demons striker Luke Roodenburg a goal, Bankstown City striker Robert Mileski was able to give his side an equaliser on 75 minutes. Dancing through some tired defence Mileski had his first shot parried by goalkeeper Matt Nemes and after watching his follow up effort hit the woodwork was able to

tuck the loose ball home at the third attempt with Nemes well beaten.

A minute later all hell broke loose as Mendez received a second yellow card for a tackle on midfielder Hidetaka Ishii and all of a sudden the momentum was with Bankstown City who at that stage looked more than capable of going on with the job.

Inspired by midfielders Chad Gibson and Brendan Renaud, the Demons not only fought back but they outplayed Bankstown City scoring two goals in quick succession to put the match beyond reach. Tolgay Ozbey putting away an 85th minute strike after Paul Wither and Bankstown goalkeeper Cem Akilli clashed in chasing down a loose ball. With Akilli on the deck, Wither was able to push the ball to Ozbey who calmly buried a shot into the empty net.

Two minutes later the Championship the comeback was complete as Chad Gibson met an Ozbey cross at the back post to make the score 3-1 and send Blacktown City fans into raptures.

"It was one of those moments which could have been a decisive turning point in the match but instead of capitalising we somehow lost our way and let Blacktown back into the match," said Bankstown City coach Peter Tsekenis. "We are absolutely gutted to get so close and undo all our good work with such a poor last ten minutes."

Brendan Renaud celebrating the win by being named man of the match in an otherwise impressive display from the veteran. Renaud and Gibson showing their class especially in the second half when the wheels could have come from the Demons bandwagon. Sweeper Mirko Jurilj was also impressive as was defender Cindric who did a good marking job on Mileski and scored the important opening goal.

Their efforts acknowledged by coach Aytek Genc who was remarkably sent off midway through the second half by referee Simon Prydzacz for continually venturing out of his technical area. Genc forced to watch the rest of the match from the grandstand as he attempted to urge his players

home during a tense finale.

"There were a lot of impressive performances today but signal out anyone particular wouldn't be fair as every single player contributed to this win," said Genc. "Our commiserations to Bankstown – they played a very tough game but after the disappointment of last season its vindication for our efforts."

The win an historic one for Blacktown coming on the back of Premiership wins in 2006 and 2007. The Demons celebrations continuing long into the night.

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS: Matt Nemes, Matthew Pressello, Mirko Jurilj, Luke Roodenburg (Leo Carle 87'), Paul Wither (Adam Biddle 87'), Tolgay Ozbey, Gabriel Mendez, Milorad Simonovic, Chad Gibson, Brendan Renaud, Michael Cindric; Coach: Aytek Genc.

BANKSTOWN CITY: Cem Akilli, Shane Webb, Brett Studman (Steve Soleski 88'), Richard Luksic, Peter Tsekenis, Steve Liavas (Ibrahim Haydar 46'), George Nohra, Tallan Martin (Sash Tirovski 67'), Robert Mileski, Hidetaka Ishii, Daniel Severino; Coach: Peter Tsekenis.

CAUTIONS: Tsekenis (BC), Mendez (BCD)

RED CARD: Mendez (BCD)



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BERGERS FLEX MUSCLE OVER BLUES

Fawkner surrenders early lead

On an overcast afternoon Fawkner Blues hosted Heidelberg United in front a healthy crowd of approximately 650 spectators, at CB Smith Reserve.

Both teams were missing play makers in David Pilic for Fawkner Blues and Nikola Sabiljak for Heidelberg United. The Blues returned to the winning list last week and were out to impress and keep their hopes alive to avoid the drop in front of their home fans, while Heidelberg was out to do amends after last weeks loss to the Knights and with a win against the Blues they could end up in the top six or stay in touch depends on other results.

The game started with the home side looking the more settled and creating the better chances. It did not take long for the Blues stickers in Jason Principato and Micheal Packovski to test the young Berger keeper Peter Gavalas, in which he was dominant and in control. Heidelberg got their rhythm going and their first really attack on the Fawkner goals was well handled by the young Blues defence. After 10 minutes Fawkner had another shot on goals by the lively Principato but his shot was wide of the upright for a goal kick to Heidelberg.

The first 15 minutes was good to watch with both sides testing each others defences and having shots at goals, keeping both keepers on their toes. On the 12th minute mark the Heidelberg supporters thought that they took the lead after Tony Ouliaris found himself in front of goal and from point blank range his shot was well held by the Blues

keeper Tilovski.

With 15 minutes gone Principato beats the offside trap receives a good pass from Mark Tsiorlas and calmly slots the ball pass the helpless Gavalas to put the Blues 1 nil up and deservedly so. With that goal the game opened up more and Heidelberg pushing men forward in search of the equalizer. The Blues kept their composure and their tight marking and close checking of the opposition in which Heidelberg were finding it hard to penetrate.

Heidelberg lifted into another gear after finding them a goal behind and the young Blues were starting to play catch up football. It did not take long for the Bergers to peck one back and get on equal terms. A good move started by the Heidelberg midfielders, Andy Vlahos receives the ball on the left hand side and crosses a pin point cross into the path of Dolevski, in which he beats his marker and puts Heidelberg on level terms. Fawkner seemed shell shocked with that goal and at stages looked very shaky at the back. Heidelberg started to control the game in the middle of the park and it did not take long for them to take the lead Dolevski shoots from the outside of the box and gives Heidelberg the lead with Tilovski well beaten.

The Blues tried to get back into the game from the kick off but the Bergers back four were well organised and cut off every Blues attack. Just before the break Drossos could have made it three for Heidelberg only for his shot hitting the woodwork on the 43rd



Fawkner's Ricky Chillico heads clear the danger on this occasion at CB Smith Reserve.

minute and going out of play.

The second half started as the first half finished with Heidelberg pushing forward in search of the 3rd goal and it did not take long when Glavas found the back of the net after collecting a neat pass from Marinos. That goal killed any comeback from the Blues. The Bergers kept on coming at the Blues, with their dominant passing and control, Fawkner looked out of sorts. On the 65th minute Tsiorlas split the Bergers defence with a neat pass to find skipper Chillico in which his cross was met by Impiombato only to head the ball over the bar.

Heidelberg regained the control in the middle of the park after some good moves by the Blues and killed the game off in the 65th minute when Marinos made it four for Heidelberg after receiving a good square ball from Vlahos only to tap the ball into the unguarded Blues goal. Fawkner still kept on coming at Heidelberg but they were running out of ideas up front and when Mark Tsiorlas headed wide from a corner it was not going to be Fawkner's day. In the last ten minutes Steve Tilovski produced two good saves and Recchia cleared off the line.

It was a game that both teams wanted to win it was only a matter of who was going to take control of the middle of the park and open the opposition up. Heidelberg deserved the win and will be full of confidence when they meet Altona Magic at home next week, while the Blues have the big task of meeting one of the giants of the competition in South Melbourne away from home.

Man of the Match Andy Vlahos (Heidelberg United)

Fawkners Line Up; 23 Steven Tilovski; 2 Michael Bosevski; 5 Mark Siciliano; 6 Cral Recchia; 8 Daniel Rocco(68); 9 Mark Tsiorlas; 10 Ricky Chillico; Mark Vazzocchi; Michael Packovski (78); 19 Jason Principato; Evan Karavitis(57); 1 Wesley Coles; 11 Metin Alibeyi (78); 20 Mal Impiombato (57); 28 Andrew Branov (62).

Heidelberg United Line up. 25 Peter Gavalas; 3 Daniel Jones; 5 Robert Liparotti; 21 Erhan Karahan; 15 Sebastian Petrovik (46); 4 Tony Ouliaris; 9 Luca Glavas; 10 Nick Marinos; 7 Jim Drassos (72) 11 Andy Vlahos(73); 17 Robert Dolevski; 2 Peter Roberts(72); 14 Theo Paoutsis; 16 George Abatzibis(73); 22 Emir Ameti (46).

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Heidelberg's Seb Petrovich and Fawkner's Jason Pricipato battle it out in midfield.

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BOTTLENECK AT THE TOP OF DIVISION ONE

With only six rounds remaining and a major bottleneck at the top of the ladder, round seventeen shaped as the defining round for all teams, and all results seem to have made a major impact on the ladder, none more so than the Bentleigh and Frankston show-down yesterday.

Frankston came into the match not in the kind of form expected of the top team, but there were no guarantees that they would stay on top after their clash at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex. This would have been hoped to have been motivation enough to defeat Bentleigh, who would have usurped the Pines were they to win.

The defensively-oriented Frankston showed an extra shred of determination which ensured a scoreless game at half time. After the break, however, Bentleigh's Fikret Husanovic scored a fine goal which all the determination in the world could not have prevented. This goal seemed to spur Frankston into action, as Nick Waite equalised soon after, while the deadlock could not be broken for a second time, and the match finished a 1-1 draw. The solitary point was not enough to keep the chasing pack at bay, as Langwarrin moved to outright first place, albeit having played one more game than many of their rivals.



Division One action between Langwarrin and Casey Comets

A scrappy 1-0 victory over the Casey Comets at Lawton Park Reserve was sufficient for Langwarrin to be installed as the current league leader, in a game which could have easily gone either way. Early on in the first half, Stuart Craig scored, from which point it became glaringly obvious that the single goal was the trigger for Langwarrin to defend. Despite the Comets best efforts late in the second half, nothing could penetrate the Langwarrin defence leaving them to take the one goal win. This winning margin was the trend for nearly all games this weekend, barring Langwarrin's nearest rival, the second-placed Coburg, and also St Albans.

Coburg United's 3-0 victory over Port Melbourne on Friday night at SS Anderson Oval was one which any Coburg fan should be proud of. Not only did it catapult the side back into the top two, it is truly a display of the side's capabilities. Nick Harry's two goals, coming either side of half time, were the result of great vision and personal brilliance, while the second-half goal of Serkan Oksuz was achieved through some excellent teamwork and a clinical finish. Although it is only a victory over the second-last placed team, over the last few weeks the Sharks have proved that they are no easy beats.

The same could be said of the last-placed North Geelong Warriors, who have flagged their intentions to remain in the State League with an inspirational 2-1 win over Westgate at Ardeer Reserve on Saturday night. The Warriors could be forgiven for settling for a competitive game, except after Mark Paleka opened the scoring midway through the first half, North Geelong had signalled that they were there to win. They took the 1-0 lead into half time, but Westgate's Daniel Glogovac didn't keep the home fans waiting for an equaliser, scoring soon after half time. Warrior Adrian Cervinski chose the right moment to find the back of the net though, for the eighth, and arguably most crucial time this season, as the goal secured the three points for North Geelong.

The Warriors are now nine points behind Dandenong Thunder, after the Southern Stars defeated the Thunder 2-1 at Ross Reserve on Saturday afternoon in the local derby. The match was evenly poised at 1-1 at the break, thanks to goals from Southern Star Marc Elvin and the Thunder's Mentor Memeti. After half time, it was the Stars who were making all the attacking play as the Thunder appeared to tire. Berkan Sakaci managed to score for the Stars, in what proved to be the winner.

It was a similar score line at Dunstan Reserve where Brunswick City hosted the St Albans Saints on Saturday, where the Saints prevailed 3-1 winners. City's Chris Sanita equalised in the second half after Tony Saric had opened the scoring for the Saints in the first half. St Albans soon recovered from this hiccup, to add on two more goals from Steven



Troy Williams of Casey wins the ball in the air in the State One clash against Langwarrin

Jovanovski and Josip Loncaric; who scored his second goal in two weeks. The win sees the Saints stay in touch with the top four, yet they remain three points behind.

Their winning form should continue anyway, which will go some way to rectified the situation, when the Saints take on Port Melbourne at Churchill Reserve on Sunday next week. Meanwhile, after keeping their dim hopes of retaining their spot in the league next season flickering, North Geelong will need to follow up with a win over the Bentleigh Greens next week, which as tough as it may sound; realistically it has to be done for the Warriors to stand any chance of avoiding relegation.

By Jeremy O'Neill

Photos by John Punshon

DIVISION ONE RESULTS

Port Melbourne 0 Coburg Utd 3 (N Harry 2, S Oksuz) (HT: 0-1), Southern Stars 2 (B Sakaci, MG Elvin) Dandenong Thunder 1 (M Memeti) (HT: 1-1), Langwarrin 1 (S Craig) Casey Comets 0 (HT: 1-0), Brunswick City 1 (CD Sanita) St. Albans Saints 2 (J Loncaric, S Jovanovski, T Saric) (HT: 0-1), Westgate 1 (D Glogovac) North Geelong Warriors 2 (A Cervinski, M Paleka) (HT: 0-1), Bentleigh Greens 1 (F Husanovic) Frankston Pines 1 (N Waite) (HT: 0-0)

DIVISION ONE STANDINGS

Frankston Pines
Langwarrin
Coburg Utd
Bentleigh Greens
St. Albans Saints
Southern Stars
Westgate
Brunswick City
Casey Comets
Dandenong Thunder
North Geelong Warriors
Port Melbourne
Bentleigh Greens
Southern Stars
Casey Comets

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ROYALS FORCE CANNON CEASEFIRE

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ESSENDON ROYALS

By George Stogiannou
Photos by George Stogiannou

Essendon Royals continued to frustrate top of the table opposition when they held Oakleigh Cannons to a scoreless draw on Friday night at Jack Edwards Reserve.

The home team faced the challenge of breaking down a solid Royals defense in order to rebound quickly from their 5-2 capitulation of the previous week. Perhaps mindful of their defensive frailties and the suspension of regular defender, Sam Poutakidis, Cannons coach Stuart Munro re-installed Felix Rosman into the centre of defense.

The Royals played a 4-5-1 formation with the hardworking Joseph Yousseff as a lone striker, and the hard running, fiery midfielder Frankie Lagana supporting him from deep. The Cannons made a positive start, and could have taken an early lead had it not been for some agile goalkeeping from Marko Sutalo who parried a goal bound Bill Damianos shot around the post.

Although the Cannons pushed forward and the Royals spent most of the first half defending, it was the visitors who might have easily taken the lead if Lagana had managed to keep his header down when he connected with a Frank Catalano cross.

The second half continued in a similar vein to the first, with the Royals defending in numbers. Cannons coach Munro, introduced Con Boutsianis as a second half sub in an attempt to break open the game and he almost succeeded with a strike from outside the box. Despite the pressure, Oakleigh struggled to create clear cut openings, until the dying moments when striker Juan Nilo turned his marker and served up an excellent chance for midfielder

Michael Panopoulos who arrived at the right spot, at the right time only to see his first time effort sail over the bar.

Cannons coach Munro said after the match, " I thought our effort tonight was really good as far as the work rate and commitment levels. Sometimes when you're playing against a team which has everyone behind the ball, you're just hoping for a bit of individual creativity that might open them up. And it never really came for us tonight...Probably we deserved to win the game. but that's the type of team Essendon are. They make life very difficult for you."

Royals coach Gary Groenwald said after the match, "We had a very, very young team out there and for them to hold such a good team off, I'm pretty happy with that...This half of the season, not many top teams have beaten us. If we got to the finals, we'd be very happy to be there, but it's a tall ask to win four out of five games. It's a big ask at this level of football, especially with such a young team."

Men of the Match:
Frankie Lagana (Royals)
Bill Damianos (Cannons)

Cannons: Turnball, Stergiopoulos, Laurie, Rosman, MacNicol (Boutsianis 64') Panopoulos, Nilo, Masi (Toma 77'), Damianos, Kovacic, Webster.

Royals: Sutalo, Aanthopoulos, Vrbovak, Yousseff, F. Catalano, M.Catalano, D'Agostino, Sansone (R.Catalano 88'), Laverdie, Dimech ((Tran 27', (Tiviani 79')



Above: Royals' Josef Yousseff wins a header in front of Simon Webster. Left: Oakleigh's Bill Damianos puts in a Man of the Match performance. Below: Cannons' Michael Panopoulos takes a spill on Friday night.



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RICHMOND
EAGLES

By Markian Jaworsky
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GULLY KEEPS PRESSURE ON LIONS

Eagles slip perilously close to bottom four

Green Gully maintained their pursuit of top spot on the Foxtel Cup table whilst Richmond slipped closer to the relegation zone after the Cavaliers 1-0 win at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday night.

The game began in tight fashion, neither side dominating in the early stages. Dragi Nastevski was booked seven minutes in after cutting down Henry Fa'arodo on the half-way line in front of the benches. Ben Watson put a header wide for the Eagles after nine minutes following a Graham Hockless free kick. Thirteen minutes in saw the best opportunity of the game so far when Gully swept the ball across the park from right to left and Manny Muscat was found unmarked overlapping into the box but his shot was wide of the mark.

Two minutes later Andy Vargas shot wide from thirty yards directly in front of goal, the ball skewing off to the right. Shortly after Watson turned a man and shot over from a similar distance at the other end.

In the twenty-first minute Ante Loncaric saved a volley from Shane Rexhepi after Fa'arodo had pulled back Steve Burton's cross for him. Two minutes later Loncaric

was fortunate to keep his clean sheet intact when he fumbled a strike from Hockless, luckily able to re-gather the ball just as it appeared as if Burton was about to put it over the line.

Just before the half-hour mark a flick by Joel Nikolic released Vargas with only the Stuart Webster to beat, and the Eagles keeper found enough spring in his leap to gather in the Gully midfielders chipped effort at breaking the deadlock. Webster was in the thick of the action again two minutes later, with a scramble after he was fouled leading to a melee in the goalmouth.

The goal that would give Gully the lead arrived in the thirty-fourth minute. A free kick on the left found John Adam deep at the back of the penalty area, and his shot across goal was turned in at the far post by Nikolic. Fa'arodo had a shot on the turn saved after a throw three minutes later, but when the break came Gully still maintained their 1-0 advantage.

The second half saw Richmond pushing forward for an equaliser, but rarely creating any clear cut opportunities. In the fifty-eighth minute Hockless played one-two passes with

Brendan Beni and Watson to break into the box but his chip was deflected just over the crossbar for a corner.

Just after an hour of play had passed Burton shot well wide of the goal when he had more time after being fed the ball out on the left by Hockless. Having comfortably ridden the early threat Gully set about extending their lead, with a good cross from Adam headed over by Nikolic in the sixty-fifth minute.

On a counter attack Brandon Vassallo shot over the goal shortly before substitute Phillip Riccobene had to be stretchered off with an injury to his left leg. In the eightieth minute Vassallo should have sealed the win, but hit the side netting having rounded Stuart Webster after intercepting a backpass from Stuart McCluskey which was well short of his keeper.

Richmond could have snatched a late equaliser when a good low ball from the left by Burton found Fa'arodo who's touch let him down with Joey Di Iorio also in a good position at the far post.

Man of the Match
John Adam
(Green Gully)

Green Gully: Loncaric, Fak, Cain (Riccobene (Ivesic)), Fleming, Vassallo, Adam, Muscat, Nastevski, Medjedovic, Vargas, Nikolic (Sanders).

Yellow Cards: Nastevski 7'

Goal: Nikolic 34'

Richmond: Stuart Webster, Simon Webster, Burton, McCluskey, Beni (Di Iorio 67'), Fa'arodo, Hockless (Galanos 89'), McIlwain, Watson, Kuck, Rexhepi (Laurence 81').

Below: Simon Webster tries in vain to keep Joel Nikolic's effort out of the goal.





WHITTLESEA
ZEBRAS

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PRESTON
LIONS

By Simon McCuskey
Photos by Daniel Flis

ANASTASIOU GETS THE POINT!

Spoils shared in Northern Community cup

The Whittlesea Zebras were denied all three points and a chance to clinch outright second spot on the Foxtel Cup table, as a late Les Anastasiou equaliser for Preston cancelled out Josip Kozic's first half Zebra's strike to ensure the spoils were shared in the inaugural Northern Community Cup in front of a crowd of over 2,600 at Epping Stadium.

An initiative between the Preston and Whittlesea football clubs, the Cities of Darebin and Whittlesea, coupled with the Football Federation of Victoria, the Northern Community Cup showcased to all that football in Melbourne's northern suburbs is alive and kicking.

The inaugural Cup was a tale of two halves. The Zebras dominated the Lions in the first and should have been two-nil up in the opening twenty minutes. Zebra's striker Hamlet Armenian could not latch onto a volley supplied from a Kristian Rees cross twelve yards from goal, whilst minutes later, Ari Drakos broke free to beat the offside trap on the edge of Preston's box only to watch his strike sail over the bar.

It was third time lucky for the Zebras, as Josip Kozic swooped on some lacklustre Preston defending. Kozic broke free on the left flank but the Preston defence froze, looking at the referee's assistant for the offside flag. The correct decision, the flag stayed down as Kozic strolled into Preston's box to beat Lion's goalkeeper Savas Ozdemir and gift the Zebra's the lead on the half hour mark.

The one-way traffic continued for Whittlesea and the Zebras could have added another two goals before half time. Whittlesea captain Ross Antoniadis won a free header from a corner, but flicked the ball over the bar. Shortly after, Armenian was presented a through ball from Kozic that split the Lion's defence, only for Armenian to shoot wide.

The Lions could count themselves lucky that the damage was only contained to a goal at the break. Immediately after the restart, the Lions began to find avenues back into the game and Preston's search was for an equaliser was on. Just like Whittlesea in

the first half, Preston began to create a string of chances but could not find the back of the Zebra's net. Les Anastasiou delivered a long ball towards Zoran Petrevski, who laid it off to Tony Sterjovski to finish, but struck his shot wide. Preston were granted another chance to level in the sixtieth minute, as Zoran Petrevski headed a Sterjovski corner across the face of goal, only to see it fall to Nick Lazarevski who could not convert metres off the back post.

Whittlesea could have closed the game down for Preston in the eightieth minute, as Kozic and Armenian intercepted a Preston attack and swooped on the counter. Charging along the left flank from the halfway line, Armenian brought the ball into the Lions box, but his finish was saved by Ozdemir and forced out for a corner.

Controversy soon struck Epping Stadium shortly after, as Zoran Petrevski eventually found an avenue through the Zebra's defence and goalkeeper Kyriakos Gerohristodoulou. As Petrevski was in a position to shoot in front of an open goal, the play was deemed offside cancelled out. Preston's fury was short lived as defender Les Anastasiou ventured forward and headed home a Tony Sterjovski cross in the ninetieth minute.

Eventually finishing one goal apiece, the inaugural Northern Community Cup clearly delivered a few strong messages for Victorian football. Firstly, football is alive and well in the northern suburbs, as evident by the large crowds and junior football clinics on offer at Epping Stadium and finally, whoever accompanies Preston and Whittlesea in this years Foxtel Cup finals series, such is the evenness of this competition that football fans will be treated to one of the tightest contests in years to determine who will be crowned this season's Victorian football champions.

Man of the Match:
Kristian Rees (Whittlesea)
(Peter Ollerton Medallist)

Scorers:
Whittlesea: Josip Kozic ('30)
Preston: Les Anastasiou ('90)

Coaches comments:

Peter Ollerton (Whittlesea): "If you asked me before the game whether I'd take a draw, I probably would have said yes. However, notwithstanding that, I this game proved that we have come a long way and tested the league leaders all the way. It would have been interesting to see if we finished our chances in the first half, we would have not been in this predicament."

WHITTLESEA ZEBRAS
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Cautions:
VASSILIADIS, Eric



Below; Preston players rejoice after Les Anastasiou scored the equaliser to share the Community Cup.



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Altona City										Sunbury Utd									
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Yarraville Glory										Yarraville Glory									
17 4 5 8 20 30 17										17 2 2 13 18 40 8									
Lalor Utd										Lalor Utd									
17 1 2 14 15 48 5										17 2 2 13 14 39 8									

Seniors NORTH WEST 3 Reserves

Geelong 1 (C Rakic) Lalor 2 (B Arvanitis, D Christou) (HT: 0-1), Corio 0 Sydenham Park 2 (D Spiteri, R Nedelkov) (HT: 0-1), Ballarat Red Devils 2 (AB Lynn 2) Cairnlea 2 (E Koc, Own Goal) (HT: 1-0), Banyule City 2 (K Vaskoski, I Tasevski) La Trobe University 1 (L Lidestri) (HT: 2-0), Westvale 2 (H Timotheou, T Timotheou) Geelong Rangers 1 (J Blackburn) (HT: 1-1), Avondale Heights 3 (M Jancic 2, M Modesti) Plenty Valley Lions 2 (A Ugrenovic, C Emsovski) (HT: 1-0)											Geelong 0 Lalor 1 (HT: -), Corio 0 Sydenham Park 1 (HT: -), Ballarat Red Devils 2 Cairnlea 0 (HT: -), Banyule City 0 La Trobe University 2 (HT: -), Westvale 1 Geelong Rangers 0 (HT: -), Avondale Heights 1 Plenty Valley Lions 3 (HT: -)										
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Ballarat Red Devils											La Trobe University										
17 10 2 5 35 23 32											17 11 3 3 32 10 36										
Cairnlea											Ballarat Red Devils										
16 8 5 3 35 18 29											17 10 3 4 29 18 33										
Geelong											Westvale										
17 8 4 5 21 14 28											17 10 1 6 25 18 31										
Banyule City											Sydenham Park										
17 8 4 5 26 20 28											17 8 3 6 27 21 27										
La Trobe University											Cairnlea										
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Avondale Heights											Banyule City										
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Plenty Valley Lions											Corio										
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Corio											Geelong Rangers										
16 2 2 12 15 37 8											17 2 2 13 17 40 8										

Seniors PROVI 1 NORTH WEST Reserves

Melbourne City 3 (R Vallejo, H Nunez, B Tabone) Elwood City 2 (J Oakes 2) (HT: 1-1), South Yarra 1 (MA Hemetsberger) West Preston 0 (HT: 0-0), Hoppers Crossing 0 Laverton Park 3 (R Curatolo, J Sobarzo 2) (HT: 0-3), Hume Utd 1 (A Babo) Melbourne University Rangers 2 (A Kotsoas, A Griffith) (HT: 0-0), Darebin Utd 2 (C Mimilidis, N Assaad) Western Eagles 2 (K Leski 2) (HT: 1-1), Glenroy 0 North Sunshine Eagles 1 (D Ajro) (HT: 0-0)							Melbourne City 1 Elwood City 0 (HT: -), South Yarra 0 West Preston 0 (HT: -), Hoppers Crossing 0 Laverton Park 3 (HT: -), Hume Utd 0 Melbourne University Rangers 1 (HT: -), Darebin Utd 3 Western Eagles 3 (HT: -), Glenroy 0 North Sunshine Eagles 3 (HT: -)									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT			P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Sunshine Eagles	17	12	2	3	37	13	38	South Yarra		17	14	1	2	36	8	43
Laverton Park	17	10	5	2	33	14	35	Melbourne Uni Rangers		17	12	0	5	25	10	36
South Yarra	17	9	5	3	21	16	32	West Preston		17	8	5	4	22	22	29
Hume Utd	17	9	4	4	37	22	31	Elwood City		17	6	5	6	20	16	24
Glenroy	17	8	3	6	29	19	27	Hume Utd		17	6	5	6	17	18	23
Melbourne Uni Rangers	17	7	6	4	25	17	27	Melbourne City		17	6	5	6	15	18	23
Western Eagles	17	6	6	5	23	26	24	North Sunshine Eagles		16	5	4	7	23	24	19
Melbourne City	17	4	5	8	21	24	17	Hoppers Crossing		17	5	4	8	16	29	19
Elwood City	17	4	4	9	17	28	16	Laverton Park		16	4	6	6	18	20	18
Hoppers Crossing	17	5	1	11	15	28	16	Glenroy		17	4	4	9	18	26	16
Darebin Utd	17	2	7	8	14	37	13	Western Eagles		17	3	5	9	13	20	14
West Preston	17	0	4	13	12	40	4	Darebin Utd		17	3	5	9	14	26	14

Seniors PROVI 2 NORTH WEST Reserves

Brimbank 1 (T Bali) Moreland Utd 2 (H Haroon, R Cuzzilla) (HT: 1-0), Melbourne Tornado 2 (A Smolic, L Stolica) Collingwood City 1 (J Constantinou) (HT: 0-0), Northern Falcons 4 (M Monaci, A Ferrante 2, M Pennisi) Mill Park 1 (T Polykarpou) (HT: 0-1), Keon Park 2 (A Farchione) Uni. of Melbourne 0 (HT: 1-0), Whittlesea Utd 1 (T Altanham) Bell Park 1 (M Gstalter) (HT: 1-1), North City Lions 1 (T Dalikouras) Brimbank City 1 (V Osmanovic) (HT: 1-1)								Brimbank 1 Moreland Utd 1 (HT: -), Melbourne Tornado 0 Collingwood City 0 (HT: -), Northern Falcons 2 Mill Park 1 (HT: -), Keon Park 3 Uni. of Melbourne 1 (HT: -), Whittlesea Utd 1 Bell Park 0 (HT: -), North City Lions 0 Brimbank City 3 (HT: -)							
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Whittlesea Utd								Keon Park							
17 12 3 2 49 18 39								17 11 4 2 24 11 37							
Melbourne Tornado								Northern Falcons							
16 12 1 3 41 21 37								17 12 1 4 30 20 37							
Keon Park								Collingwood City							
16 11 3 2 34 15 36								17 8 5 4 30 15 29							
Brimbank City								Brimbank City							
17 7 6 4 34 17 27								17 7 5 5 29 22 26							
Moreland Utd								Brimbank							
17 8 3 6 34 36 27								17 7 4 6 25 23 25							
Collingwood City								Whittlesea Utd							
17 7 4 6 25 19 25								17 7 4 6 23 27 25							
North City Lions								North City Lions							
17 5 6 6 25 29 21								17 6 6 5 25 15 24							
Bell Park								Bell Park							
17 5 5 7 19 25 20								17 5 6 6 21 21 21							
Northern Falcons								Melbourne Tornado							
17 5 4 8 28 27 19								17 4 6 7 26 30 18							
Uni. of Melbourne								Moreland Utd							
17 4 3 10 23 29 15								17 4 6 7 19 27 18							
Brimbank								Uni. of Melbourne							
17 4 4 11 28 50 13								17 3 4 10 16 27 13							
Mill Park								Mill Park							
17 0 3 14 14 58 3								17 1 3 13 20 50 6							

Seniors PROVI 3 NORTH WEST Reserves

Ascot Vale 2 (A Barakat, D Sanchez) Youth Utd 1 (N Ozdemir) (HT: 0-1), Reservoir Utd 4 (L Corneschi, D Magro, S Patti, J Currie) Northern Utd 0 (HT: 2-0), Meadow Park 1 (B London) Brunswick Zebras 2 (J Luca, P Montagna) (HT: 0-1), Epping City 5 (A De Propertis 2, PJ Mangion, C Spaliaras 2) Hallam 2 (P De Melo 2) (HT: 2-1), Dallas Eagles 2 (V Akbulut, S Yigit) Essendon Utd 0 (HT: 2-0)								Ascot Vale 5 Youth Utd 1 (HT: -), Reservoir Utd 1 Northern Utd 0 (HT: -), Meadow Park 2 Brunswick Zebras 2 (HT: -), Epping City 10 Hallam 0 (HT: -), Dallas Eagles 0 Essendon Utd 0 (HT: -), Melton Watsonia Heights (HT: -)							
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Melton								Dallas Eagles							
16 11 4 1 42 15 37								17 9 4 4 33 15 31							
Epping City								Youth Utd							
17 11 3 3 53 22 36								17 9 3 5 34 29 30							
Dallas Eagles								Watsonia Heights							
16 11 3 2 35 12 36								16 8 5 3 24 14 29							
Essendon Utd								Essendon Utd							
16 11 2 3 40 20 35								17 8 5 4 19 14 29							
Youth Utd								Melton							
17 8 5 4 37 22 29								16 7 6 3 29 21 27							
Watsonia Heights								Ascot Vale							
16 8 3 5 32 23 27								17 5 10 2 21 18 25							
Ascot Vale								Reservoir Utd							
17 5 3 9 27 32 18								17 6 7 4 25 29 25							
Brunswick Zebras								Epping City							
17 4 3 10 21 46 15								17 5 7 5 36 17 22							
Reservoir Utd								Meadow Park							
17 4 1 12 19 46 13								17 3 8 6 15 20 17							
Northern Utd								Brunswick Zebras							
17 3 3 11 26 52 12								17 3 7 7 23 28 16							
Meadow Park								Hallam							
17 2 4 11 25 42 10								17 2 4 11 14 39 7							
Hallam								Northern Utd							
15 2 4 9 22 47 7								17 1 4 12 9 38 7							

Seniors SOUTH EAST 2 Reserves

Stonnington City 1 (N Alevropoulos) Chelsea 1 (M Maisano) (HT: 1-1), Templestowe Eagles 0 Knox City 2 (A Edgar, D Veljovic) (HT: 0-1), Northcote City 1 (T Rixon) South Springvale 1 (A Goutzioulis) (HT: 0-0), Heatherton Utd 0 Diamond Valley Utd 0 (HT: 0-0), Waverley Wanderers 0 Doncaster Rovers 3 (M De Angelis, Z Stefanidis 2) (HT: 0-0)								Stonnington City 2 Chelsea 5 (HT: -), Templestowe Eagles 0 Knox City 4 (HT: -), Northcote City 0 South Springvale 2 (HT: -), Heatherton Utd 0 Diamond Valley Utd 3 (HT: -), Waverley Wanderers 0 Doncaster Rovers 2 (HT: -)								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT			P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Diamond Valley Utd	17	9	5	3	29	14	32	Knox City		17	11	3	3	28	11	36
South Springvale	17	8	7	2	33	18	31	Chelsea		16	10	4	2	33	13	34
Doncaster Rovers	17	9	3	5	26	13	30	Doncaster Rovers		17	9	4	4	41	23	31
FC Clifton Hill	16	8	4	4	31	23	28	Waverley Wanderers		17	9	1	7	26	27	28
Waverley Wanderers	17	7	6	4	26	21	27	Diamond Valley Utd		17	8	3	6	29	16	27
Knox City	17	7	6	4	22	17	27	FC Clifton Hill		16	8	2	6	26	16	26
Chelsea	17	7	5	5	26	17	26	Northcote City		17	7	5	5	25	27	26
Northcote City	17	6	6	5	17	19	24	South Springvale		17	6	2	9	19	27	20
Stonnington City	16	3	5	8	20	32	14	Stonnington City		16	4	3	9	22	39	15
Templestowe Eagles	16	3	2	11	16	40	11	North Caulfield		16	3	4	9	12	29	13
North Caulfield	16	1	6	9	11	23	9	Heatherton Utd		16	3	3	10	11	26	12
Heatherton Utd	15	1	5	9	12	32	8	Templestowe Eagles		16	3	2	11	18	36	11

Seniors SOUTH EAST 3 Reserves

Frankston Strikers 7 (M Moore, J Donaghy, SA O'Donnell 5) Springvale City 1 (S Osmani) (HT: 1-1), Eastern Lions 4 (N Bouios, CW Kerr, A Spina 2) Southern Suburbs 1 (R Nicovski) (HT: 2-1), Nunawading City 2 (A Gjini, Own Goal) Morwell Pegasus 2 (CT Bell 2) (HT: 1-0), Sandringham City 3 (S Karanasios, S Parker 2) Mooroolbark 1 (K Coe) (HT: 3-1), Endeavour Utd 1 (M Alsakran) Berwick City 0 (HT: 1-0), Fitzroy City 2 (D Reljic, CF Wilson) Doveton 1 (HT: 1-0)	Frankston Strikers 9 Springvale City 0 (HT: -), Eastern Lions 2 Southern Suburbs 0 (HT: -), Nunawading City 2 Morwell Pegasus 3 (HT: -), Sandringham City 1 Mooroolbark 2 (HT: -), Endeavour Utd 0 Berwick City 0 (HT: -), Fitzroy City 0 Doveton 2 (HT: -)

Seniors PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST Reserves

Croydon City Arrows 1 (K Bright) Rowville Eagles 0 (HT: 0-0), Lyndale Utd 2 (G Murray 2) Noble Park Utd 3 (M Durand 2, D Simois) (HT: 0-2), Monbulk 1 (D Adams) Monash University 1 (J.E Serrano) (HT: 1-0), Old Melburnians 4 (M Pember 2, A Carmody, T Wu) Warragul Utd 2 (S Byers, MR Petersen) (HT: 3-2), White Star Dandenong 1 (I Styczen) Brandon Park 5 (S Kennedy, S Ulas, R Benedos 3) (HT: 0-2), Berwick Kings 1 (K Stanisic) Riversdale 2 (L Egonidis, A Uguz) (HT: 1-2)								Croydon City Arrows 1 Rowville Eagles 0 (HT: -), Lyndale Utd 6 Noble Park Utd 1 (HT: -), Monbulk 2 Monash University 0 (HT: -), Old Melburnians 1 Warragul Utd 2 (HT: -), White Star Dandenong 0 Brandon Park 1 (HT: -), Berwick Kings 0 Riversdale 0 (HT: -)							
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Brandon Park								Lyndale Utd							
17 12 4 1 38 17 40								17 11 5 1 42 19 38							
Croydon City Arrows								Warragul Utd							
17 10 3 4 35 23 33								17 11 3 3 33 19 36							
Monbulk								Croydon City Arrows							
17 8 6 3 35 17 30								17 9 4 4 28 15 31							
Monash University								Riversdale							
17 7 3 7 34 32 24								17 8 4 5 20 16 28							
Rowville Eagles								Monash University							
17 6 5 6 22 25 23								17 8 2 7 33 17 26							
Noble Park Utd								Berwick Kings							
17 6 4 7 30 32 22								17 6 5 6 19 22 23							
White Star Dandenong								Monbulk							
17 6 4 7 28 40 22								17 4 7 6 21 23 19							
Old Melburnians								Old Melburnians							
17 6 3 8 35 37 21								16 4 6 6 22 17 18							
Warragul Utd								Noble Park Utd							
17 5 5 7 32 28 20								17 4 6 7 13 22 18							
Berwick Kings								Brandon Park							
17 6 1 10 28 39 19								17 4 6 7 12 25 18							
Riversdale								Rowville Eagles							
17 5 3 9 25 34 18								16 3 8 5 16 19 17							
Lyndale Utd								White Star Dandenong							
17 3 3 11 28 46 12								17 0 2 15 6 51 2							

Seniors PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST Reserves

Dandenong Sparrows 2 (A Jennings, B Madhavan) Old Trinity Grammarians 1 (PG Iacoune) (HT: 0-0), Keysborough 1 (J Ramalinga) Carrum Utd 1 (M Palladio) (HT: 0-1), Caulfield Cobras 0 Beaumaris 0 (HT: 0-0), Ashburton 5 (C Boyle 2, J Boyle, JA Clemson, K Maxfield) Noble Park 1 (N Dragojevic) (HT: 1-0), Mitcham Utd 0 Scotch Old Boys 3 (B Whitaker, A Truong, J Jewitt) (HT: 0-1), Mornington 0 Seaford Utd 0 (HT: 0-0)		Dandenong Sparrows 0 Old Trinity Grammarians 1 (HT: -), Keysborough 2 Carrum Utd 1 (HT: -), Caulfield Cobras 3 Beaumaris 1 (HT: -), Ashburton 9 Noble Park 0 (HT: -), Mitcham Utd 1 Scotch Old Boys 0 (HT: -), Mornington 3 Seaford Utd 0 (HT: -)	
	P W D L F A PT	P W D L F A PT	
Scotch Old Boys	17 13 2 2 34 10 41	Scotch Old Boys	17 12 4 1 32 6 40
Ashburton	17 11 4 2 40 15 37	Caulfield Cobras	17 11 4 2 35 17 37
Keysborough	17 10 3 4 32 22 33	Mornington	17 10 0 7 35 21 30
Dandenong Sparrows	17 7 6 4 20 22 27	Old Trinity Grammarians	17 6 7 4 21 17 25
Mornington	17 8 2 7 32 26 26	Ashburton	16 6 3 6 35 23 24
Caulfield Cobras	17 6 6 5 21 18 24	Keysborough	16 6 6 4 16 12 24
Mitcham Utd	17 6 4 7 28 30 22	Beaumaris	17 5 8 4 22 17 23
Beaumaris	17 5 3 9 19 26 18	Mitcham Utd	17 5 5 7 18 28 20
Seaford Utd	17 4 5 8 21 24 17	Seaford Utd	17 4 4 9 31 34 16
Old Trinity Grammarians	17 4 3 10 22 30 15	Dandenong Sparrows	17 3 4 10 21 34 13
Carrum Utd	17 3 4 10 15 35 13	Carrum Utd	17 2 7 8 24 41 13
Noble Park	17 4 0 13 28 54 12	Noble Park	17 2 4 11 12 52 10

Seniors PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST Reserves

Boroondara Lions Bye (HT: -), Dandenong Warriors 1 (C Aliphon) Old Brighton Grammarians 5 (D Hall 4, G Varsamis) (HT: 0-4), Bundoora Utd 1 (S Dzemalioski) Endeavour Hills 2 (J Ithier, D Marie) (HT: 0-1), Old Camberwell Grammar 2 (P Margin, SL Whittaker) Eltham North 2 (D Oehme, T(Sachinidis) (HT: 0-1), Ringwood City 1 (K Sarriastavros) Old Carey 1 (F Zhao) (HT: 1-0), Brighton 2 (M McCaig, P McCaig) Dandenong City 3 (A Peters 2, I Skorupski) (HT: 1-0)										Boroondara Lions Bye (HT: -), Dandenong Warriors 1 Old Brighton Grammarians 5 (D Hall 4, G Varsamis) (HT: -), Bundoora Utd 3 Endeavour Hills 4 (HT: -), Old Camberwell Grammar 5 Eltham North 1 (HT: -), Ringwood City 2 Old Carey 0 (HT: -), Brighton 3 Dandenong City 0 (HT: -)									
P W D L F A PT										P W D L F A PT									
Old Brighton Gramm										Old Camberwell Gramm									
16 13 2 1 53 14 41										15 11 3 1 42 18 36									
Old Camberwell Gramm										Dandenong Warriors									
15 11 4 0 43 12 37										15 10 3 2 37 16 33									
Old Carey										Old Carey									
15 10 3 2 46 15 33										15 9 3 3 33 12 30									
Boroondara Lions										Endeavour Hills									
15 8 5 2 28 10 29										16 8 3 5 25 24 27									
Endeavour Hills										Old Brighton Gramm									
16 6 3 7 25 34 21										16 6 4 6 28 25 22									
Dandenong City										Brighton									
15 6 1 8 27 30 19										16 6 4 6 20 18 22									
Eltham North										Ringwood City									
16 4 5 7 17 27 17										16 4 6 6 19 21 18									
Dandenong Warriors										Boroondara Lions									
15 4 2 9 18 31 14										15 5 2 8 18 22 17									
Ringwood City										Bundoora Utd									
16 3 4 9 15 41 13										15 4 2 9 19 31 14									
Brighton										Dandenong City									
16 3 1 12 22 35 10										15 2 3 10 13 45 9									
Bundoora Utd										Eltham North									
15 1 2 12 17 62 5										16 1 5 10 13 35 8									

ROUND 18 FIXTURES

All matches to be played on Saturday 11th August with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

State 2 NW
Lalor Utd v Altona East Phoenix
HR Uren Reserve
Keilor Park v Thomastown Devils
Keilor Park Reserve
Altona City v Maribymong Greens
HC Kim Reserve
Moreland City v Pascoe Vale
Campbell Reserve
Williamstown SC v Sunbury Utd
JT Gray Reserve
Yarraville Glory v Werribee City
McIvor Reserve

State 2 SE
Doncaster Rovers v Heatherton Utd
Anderson Park Fri 10 Aug KO 8:30PM
Northcote City v FC Clifton Hill
John Cain Memorial Park
Diamond Valley Utd v Templestowe Eagles
Partington Flats
Knox City v Stonnington City
Egan Lee Reserve
South Springvale v Chelsea
Warner Reserve
North Caulfield v Waverley Wanderers
Kingston Heath Sun 12 Aug KO 3PM

State 3 NW
Ballarat Red Devils v Avondale Heights
Trekardo Park
Plenty Valley Lions v Westvale
Bundoora Park Pavilion
Geelong Rangers v Banyule City
Myers Reserve
La Trobe University v Corio Latrobe Uni
Lower Playing Fld
Syden

TOP FIVE EXERT SUPERIORITY

Round 17 of the Women's Premier League proved a good one for the majority of the top five, with all teams except Eltham North picking up victories to continue their respective runs to the finals. Keilor Park also moved up the table with a victory.

Sandringham's good recent run continued on Saturday afternoon, as it defeated Eltham North 2-1 at Spring St Oval, to further cement its place in the top five. The first half ended all square, with neither side able to break the deadlock. That all changed after the interval, with Jocelyn Murdoch netting twice for the home side, with Christine Pfeiffer scoring in reply for Eltham. The result is a major boost for Sandringham on several levels, as it could be enough to secure its place in the finals, as it puts it eight points ahead of sixth-placed Preston Lions with five games to play. It also gives it the psychological boost of having beaten a fellow finalist, which could prove beneficial later in the year. There is now only six points separating the two sides, with Eltham now outright fourth, three points behind Ashburton.

Box Hill Inter continued Casey Comets' miserable season with a 2-0 victory over its traditional rival at Comets Stadium on Sunday. The writing was on the wall for Casey by half time, with both goals coming before the interval, courtesy of Amanda Lawless and Analisse Rios, and it could find no way back in the second half. Box Hill remains in second place on the ladder, and on track for a potential fifth straight WPL title. By contrast, Casey, Box Hill's main competitor for so many years, is this season floundering in eighth place, and looks certain to miss the finals for the first time in its history.

Returning home to Keilor Park Reserve proved the necessary tonic for Keilor Park, as it scored a 2-0 victory over the University of Melbourne, after suffering successive defeats on the road. One goal in each half was enough for the home side to claim its fifth victory of a season that, like Casey's, has been disappointing compare to previous years. Unfortunately though for Keilor, the victory will probably prove to be too little too late, as it looks to be too far adrift of the top five for a late push for the finals. The University of Melbourne, however, will be even more concerned by the result, as it leaves it right in the mix for relegation. Given its proximity to Eastern Lions and Bendigo Vipers, every point is crucial for the University, and it can ill afford to lose games such as this.

A second half onslaught from Heidelberg United proved too much for Preston Lions at Olympic Village on Sunday, as the current WPL leader ran out victorious by four clear goals. Preston's finals' aspirations were effectively on the line in this game, and it looked in with a shot of



Ashleigh Kelly (Preston) knocks the ball forward as Christina Cisternino (Heidelberg) and Elly Curo follow up

keeping its chances alive for a week longer, as it held United scoreless for the first 45 minutes. However, everything changed after the interval, with Preston finding no answer to the home side, which found the net through Sarah Groenewald, Belinda Pannella, Megan Thornton and Christina Cisternino. The result keeps Heidelberg on the top of the ladder, two points clear of Box Hill. Preston remains sixth, but it is now eight points behind fifth-placed Sandringham, and it will need to win the bulk of its remaining five matches, and hope Sandringham suffers a significant losing streak to have any chance of sneaking back into the top five.

Ashburton proved to be extremely quick out of the blocks at DISC on Sunday

afternoon, hitting WVSA for six in the first half alone, before running out 7-0 victors over the league's bottom side. With ten unanswered goals in its last three matches, Ashburton looks to be regaining the form that propelled it to the top of the ladder earlier in the season, which could be ominous timing for the other sides in the finals. For WVSA it was just another heavy defeat in a season of heavy defeats, with it conceding three goals or more in each of its last seven games. Ashburton now has sole ownership of third position on the ladder, three points behind Box Hill, and three points ahead of Eltham North.

No result was available for the Bendigo Vipers vs. Eastern Lions match at the time of going to press.

In Round 18, Sandringham faces another stern test of its finals' credentials, when it takes on Box Hill at Wembley Park on Friday night. Bendigo Vipers will continue trying to avoid relegation, when it hosts Casey Comets at Beischer Oval on Saturday, with Eltham North looking to bounce back from this weekend's defeat when it meets Ashburton at Eltham North Reserve on the same day. Preston Lions and Keilor Park will both be desperate for the points when they meet at BT Connor Reserve on Sunday, in order to keep their slim finals chances alive. A potentially key relegation battle takes place at Princes Park on Sunday, when the University of Melbourne hosts Eastern Lions in a match that neither side can afford to lose, while over at Hume Reserve, bottom meets top as WVSA take on Heidelberg United.

By Niki Cook

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WPL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Utd	17	14	2	1	58	22	44
Box Hill	17	13	3	1	71	19	42
Ashburton	17	12	3	2	50	12	39
Eltham North	17	12	0	5	40	22	36
Sandringham	17	9	3	5	32	18	30
Preston Lions	17	6	4	7	26	37	22
Keilor Park	17	5	5	7	25	33	20
Casey Comets	17	5	3	9	28	25	18
Eastern Lions	16	4	1	11	16	46	13
Uni. of Melbourne	16	3	2	11	21	39	11
Bendigo Vipers	15	3	1	11	20	36	10
WVSA	17	0	1	16	14	92	1

WPL RESULTS

Sandringham 2 (J Murdoch 2) Eltham North 1 (C Pfeiffer) (HT: 0-0), Casey Comets 0 Box Hill 2 (A Lawless, AB Rios) (HT: 0-2), Keilor Park 2 (T Hussein, Y Latif) Uni. of Melbourne 0 (HT: 1-0), Eastern Lions Bendigo Vipers, Heidelberg Utd 4 (S Groenewald, B Pannella, M Thornton, C Cisternino) Preston Lions 0 (HT: 0-0), Ashburton 7 (S Erenli 2, A Gibney 2, A Jackson, S Walsh, Own Goal) WVSA 0 (HT: 6-0)

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Box Hill v Sandringham Wembley Park Fri 10 Aug 8:30PM	Preston Lions v Keilor Park BT Connor Reserve Sun 12 Aug 1:00PM
Bendigo Vipers v Casey Comets Beischer Oval Sat 11 Aug 2:30PM	Uni. of Melbourne v Eastern Lions Princes Park Sun 12 Aug 3:00PM
Eltham North v Ashburton Eltham North Reserve Sat 11 Aug 3:00PM	WVSA v Heidelberg Utd Hume Reserve Sun 12 Aug 3:00PM

WPL RESERVE DETAILS

Sandringham 2 Eltham North 0, Casey Comets 0 Box Hill Inter 1, Keilor Park 9 Uni. of Melbourne 0, Eastern Lions Bendigo Vipers, Heidelberg Utd Preston Lions, Ashburton 6 WVSA 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	17	15	2	0	77	8	47
Sandringham	17	13	3	1	65	11	42
Keilor Park	17	12	1	4	47	17	37
Eltham North	17	11	1	5	56	20	34
Heidelberg Utd	16	10	2	4	36	16	32
Box Hill Inter	17	7	5	5	38	34	26
Eastern Lions	16	8	2	6	27	36	26
Bendigo Vipers	15	3	3	9	19	45	12
Uni. of Melbourne	16	2	2	12	7	65	8
Casey Comets	17	1	3	13	10	40	6

DIV ONE DETAILS

South Melbourne Bye, South Yarra 1 (T Harrison) Brighton 4 (AL Durston-Ryan, R Granek 3, EF Southward) (HT: 0-2), Bayswater Strikers 4 Mitcham Utd 1, Uni. of Melbourne 1 GSL 7 (HT: 0-2), Southern Suburbs 1 Port Melbourne 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	12	10	0	2	35	8	30
GSL	11	8	1	2	29	5	25
Bayswater Strikers	12	7	3	2	29	11	24
Mitcham Utd	12	7	1	4	24	19	22
Brighton	12	5	5	2	19	15	20
Southern Suburbs	11	4	2	5	12	20	14
Port Melbourne	13	2	2	9	6	32	8
Uni. of Melbourne	12	2	1	9	12	32	7
South Yarra	13	0	3	10	8	32	3

DIV TWO NW DETAILS

Melton Brunswick Zebras, Avondale Heights Whittlesea Stallions, North Geelong 13 Maribyrnong Greens 0, Ballarat & District SA Cristal Utd, Brimbank 0 Darebin Falcons 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Geelong	14	9	1	4	37	14	28
Cristal Utd	13	8	3	2	43	12	27
Whittlesea Stallions	13	8	3	2	40	11	27
Darebin Falcons	13	7	5	1	38	12	26
Ballarat & District SA	12	8	1	3	47	11	25
Melton	11	5	3	3	14	9	18
Avondale Heights	12	5	2	5	24	19	17
Brunswick Zebras	13	3	1	9	20	50	10
Brimbank	13	0	2	11	3	52	2
Maribyrnong Greens	14	0	1	13	2	78	1

DIV TWO SE DETAILS

Doncaster Rovers 2 Monash University 0, Knox Utd 1 South Springvale 1, Ashburton 1 Mooroolbark 0 (HT: 1-0), Monbulk 8 Knox City 0, Beaumaris 4 Bentleigh Greens 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	14	12	1	1	38	11	37
Monbulk	13	10	1	2	45	10	31
South Springvale	14	9	2	3	53	11	29
Mooroolbark	14	7	2	5	36	19	23
Bentleigh Greens	14	7	2	5	32	23	23
Knox Utd	14	5	7	2	36	15	22
Beaumaris	14	4	2	8	28	37	14
Monash University	14	3	1	10	12	51	10
Doncaster Rovers	13	2	1	10	18	49	7
Knox City	14	0	1	13	0	72	1



Heidelberg speedster, Belinda Pannella, who took her season's tally to 14 goals, takes on Kate Christoff (Preston).

LADY LUCK
SHINES ON
SAINTS

Brunswick City 1
St Albans Saints 2

Brunswick City was beaten by what can only be called a controversial penalty in the 86th minute to hand St. Albans all three points in a game that was clearly dominated by the home team.

The game was played on a dry and undulating pitch but both teams displayed a good level of skill and tactical awareness to produce a high standard match. The home team settled well and created the first chance of the match in the 4' when a Sam Arico cross was well met by Con Vouloumanos whose header appeared to be travelling goalwards only to see the St. Albans custodian palm the ball around the post for a corner.

In the 16' an excellent cross from Cvitovic on the right found Loncaric unmarked on the back post but his side foot volley went just wide of the target. The game continued at a frenetic pace and it was the visitors who took the lead through some good fortune and poor refereeing.

An innocuous goal kick was sent

forward and a three way collision between Brunswick's Cameron Drake, Josip Loncaric and goalkeeper, Con Dimitropoulos saw the ball spill free. Loncaric was first to react getting to his feet and finishing truly. What the match referee failed to see was the elbow received by Drake before the collision which forced the Brunswick defender to get medical assistance.

The game continued to flow with both teams trying to get numbers forward although the match referee was handing out yellow cards like lollipops at a kids party. Garcia the most ridiculous when he was adjudged of diving. The second half saw Brunswick peg the visitors in their own half as they were content on defending their lead. Vouloumanos's shot was hit just wide in the 52' but twelve minutes later Brunswick had deservedly equalised.

In the 64' Anthony Genovese broke free on the right and provided a low cut back cross to Sanita. The young Tasmanian striker propelled himself through the air and his diving header beat the keeper to make it 1-1. Brunswick continued to force the pace of the game and dominated the lion share of possession but in the 80' Saric was cleverly put through beating the Brunswick defence.

His lob beat Dimitropoulos but also beat the cross bar as it just sailed over. With only minutes remaining the match referee ruled that Garcia dragged an opposition

player to the ground a decision which clearly bemused everyone at the ground.

The penalty was given and Loncaric had no problems converting giving St. Albans the win and maintaining their slim chances of promotion into the premier league. For Brunswick the loss puts them in a precarious situation in 8th position on 18 points and with an away trip to the in form Southern Stars next week.



Goalscorers: Josip Loncaric (20' and 86' pen) – St. Albans
Chris Sanita (64')- Brunswick City

Line up: Dimitropoulos, A. Genovese, Garcia, J.Vouloumanos (D. Genovese 86'), Danos, Drake Mazzarella, Sanita, Stafrace, C.Vouloumanos, Arico

Best: Sanita, Drake, Arico, Garcia, C. Vouloumanos

Reserves/ Under 21

The Brunswick Under 21 were also subjected to a bit of bad luck. Brunswick played a very

strong game dominating and creating some good chances. Unfortunately for Brunswick their inexperience and inaccuracy in front of goal cost them dearly. St. Albans did not create one clear cut chance for the game and the goal scored was also gifted to them when Viola's attempted clearance was misdirected. The St. Albans midfielder noticing the Brunswick keeper miles out of his line sent a long bomb goalwards and just beat Viola into the net. In the second half Brunswick continued to maintain pressure and were unlucky not to score through a Karalis header late in the game. Other chances to Mazzarella, D.Vithoulkas and Grech went begging leaving the boys disappointed after their hard work was to no avail. Brunswick coach, Elias Simopoulos, was satisfied with the commitment shown but was quite critical of the fact that opportunities were not taken. "If half of the chances were taken today then we would have walked away with the points today but hopefully a lesson was learnt here today".

Goalscorers: None
Best: Chicchiti, Danos, D.Vithoulkas, Grech,

State League Div One

By Lou Simiopoulos

STARS SWEEP
OVER THUNDER

Southern Stars 2
Dandenong Thunder 1

Southern Stars turned the tables on local rivals Dandenong Thunder, with a 2-1 win on Saturday reversing the score-line of their earlier encounter this season.

Both teams exhibited their attacking intentions early in the game, with the score reaching 1-1 by the quarter hour mark. Marc Elvin lost his marker to head the Stars into the lead on nine minutes after Thierry Boi won the ball and produced a pin-point cross. Just five minutes later, the Stars produced their own defensive lapse by failing to track Thunder skipper Mentor Memeti's run who made no mistake from a one on one with Stars' keeper Michael Sivulja.

Both sides continued to attack and create chances in an open first half without adding further to the score. The match turned in the Stars favor early in the second when the visitors went down to 10 men following Thunder striker Ryan Davidson's foul on Stars' Boi which left the Stars' midfielder clutching his face.

Five minutes later, the Stars took full advantage

when Serkan Doganay found himself in space down the right flank, and crossed for Berkan Sakaci to volley a first time shot, past Thunder keeper Darren McGrath.

Unlike their previous encounter, the Thunder were unable to produce a barnstorming finish despite the introduction of extra fire power in the persons of Veton Korcarevski and Festim Zekirija off the subs' bench. With the extra man, the Stars controlled the middle and the Thunder defense continued to look vulnerable against the speedy Stars' strikers Doganay and Coffie Stemn Jr.

Stars' coach Billy Wright said after the match, "I don't think Dandenong had their best team today. They had two or three players missing. It does affect the way you play, the momentum and the fluency. I don't think we played particularly well. It was just that we were more disciplined and we took our chances." In light of their strong performances in recent games, Wright says the team has set itself the goal of a top four finish "I think if we finish in the top four, it's a great result for the club. It's going to make the league sit up and take notice of us for next year and hopefully we might be able to sign some more quality players who want to join a team that can play."

For the Thunder, the aim for the rest of the season is to climb out of the relegation zone.



Dandenong Thunder striker, Ryan Davidson (Number 13) receives a 'Please Explain' from Southern Stars delegation, for a foul which earned him a red card.

This Wednesday's mid-week catch-up game away to bottom of the table Port Melbourne, could be a season defining match as the run home involves matches against league leaders Frankston Pines and Coburg United.

State League Div One

By George Stogiannou

KNOX RETURNS
TO WINNERS
LIST

Templestowe Eagles 0
Knox City 2

Knox City got back on to the winners list in a fairly ordinary game played on a very ordinary pitch. Hard, bumpy and largely devoid of grass, the surface was a test for both teams and flowing football was at a premium.

Knox City deserved their win but they were made to work hard by an industrious home side which was desperate for points to climb out of the relegation zone.

The visitors had much the better of the first half and their height posed a continual

aerial threat to Templestowe, whether it was from set pieces or from long throw-ins.

Peter Veljovic had a couple of early efforts off target before Suat got on the end of a free kick from Nick Veljovic. He hooked the ball over the advancing keeper, Ozanovski but a covering defender was able to hook the ball off the goal line.

In the 19th minute, Knox took the lead when another free kick from Nick Veljovic found Edgar in the penalty area and his header gave Ozanovski no chance.

At this stage, Jorgensen in the Knox goal had been a virtual passenger but he was called on to get a fist to two successive crosses to avert any danger.

Saunders then broke free for Knox but his diagonal drive was saved by Ozanovski.

The first fifteen minutes of the second half was an arm wrestle, with neither

side creating any clear chances as the ball bobbled and bounced all over the place.

The first effort of the half came when Cunningham was just over with a fierce 20 metre drive. Vittadello then made a good break down the left but his excellent cross just evaded the Templestowe forwards.

Knox's best move of the half came in the 78th minute when Edgar, Saunders and Suat combined in a clever move which was thwarted by Santone conceding a corner.

Templestowe continued to huff and puff without looking too dangerous before the 87th minute when Jorgensen made a fantastic one handed save to deny Alexopoulos.

The resultant corner was not cleared initially by Knox and the ball was driven back into the area where the ball hit Perazic on the knee and then the arm from point blank range. With the home side appealing for a penalty, Edgar raced clear and carried the ball fully seventy metres from one penalty area to

the other. There he released substitute Daniel Veljovic who drove the ball home from 15 metres to seal the win.

Templestowe: D. Ozanovski, M. De Filipo, A. Santone, R. Lorenzi, A. Cerentola (M. Forte – 40th), D. Marino (M. Corsi – 65th), M. Gasparroni, A. Vittadello, N. Cunningham (L. Pace – 90th), M. Gulino. Sub not used – F. D'Angelo.

Knox City: M. Jorgensen, D. Perazic, A. Edgar, M. Coates, N. Giannopoulos (H. Swami – 63rd), J. Hingert (E. Becirovic – 77th), L. Grubic, A. Saunders, N. Veljovic, P. Veljovic (D. Vejovic – 85th), K.Suat. Sub not used – K. McEvoy.

State League Two SE

By Bruce Darnell

FLOREAT ATHENA MARCHES TOWARDS WA TITLE

PERTH 1 FLOREAT ATHENA 4

Floreat Athena continued their march to the league title by disposing of fellow challengers Perth in a 4-1 hiding in the Football West Match of the Week at Dorrien Gardens on Saturday.

Michael Roki's side showed exactly why they are sitting on top of the Football West State Premier League with a double from new signing Garin Collins and singles to Josip Magdic and Jerry Karpeh.

It took Floreat only seven minutes to open the scoring; Josip Magdic used his pace to beat Peter Lord on the byline before cutting the ball back to the penalty spot where Garin Collins was on hand to smash the volley home from 12 yards.

The equalizer came for Perth on 18 minutes though after a Howarth corner was flicked on at the near post by Naglieri where Andreas Oliviera was lurking at the back to tuck home from close range.

Naglieri then found himself with a chance to put Perth ahead only minutes later but his shot from inside the area rolled wide of the upright.

Floreat hit back and regained the lead on 24 minutes after Trent Kay slipped and lost possession wide on the Athena right, Collins finding space to curl an inviting ball over. Goal machine Jerry Karpeh, who was being tightly marked by Michael Icanovski, slipped in the area but Josip Magdic was on hand to storm onto the bouncing ball and lash it over Deeg and off the cross bar from the edge of the area.

Perth came out determined

to fight their way back into the match in the second half and defender Trent Kay had his side's first chance but he could only direct his header wide of the post after Floreat failed to properly clear a corner.

A delicate Naglieri touch then played Wood into the box but Vujacic was alert to the danger and raced off his line to block, the ball again spilling to Naglieri whose powerful shot from inside the area was somehow deflected clear by a combination of keeper and defender to preserve the Athena lead.

The noisy Floreat fans didn't have to wait long for the goal however, after poor communication between Puca and Icanovski allowed Karpeh to run to the byline and pull back for Collins to bounce a shot across Deeg and into the net, with the Perth keeper appearing to think the shot was headed wide.

Five minutes later and the game was all but over, a quick Floreat counter attack finding Collins wide left who advanced down the byline and played across the box where Karpeh was waiting on the back post to tap home unmarked from four yards.

Perth's Michael Ord had a late goal ruled out for offside to make it a day to forget for the blues.

Floreat coach Michael Roki saw his side come away with a comprehensive win against a fellow league challenging side.

"Perth is a good side, everyone on the park worked extremely hard to get the result today and I think that is the reason we won the game" said Roki.

Roki was also delighted with new signing Garin Collins who was involved in

all four of Floreat's goals, scoring two and providing the assists for the others.

"He was an ace in the pack for us today, we thought he would be a bit of a wild card and be a bit difficult to handle for the Perth defence and he certainly was, scoring two and setting up two, he was a real handful for them" he said.

Roki was quick to douse any suggestions the league is done and dusted however, claiming that his side need to take it week by week and put the points on the board.

"There are still plenty of games to be played, and points to be lost, and that's the challenge. You just take it week by week and work for the three points again next time and make sure we don't drop something and let someone else in because that's how it works and nothings finished until the points are on the board" he said.

Perth coach Graham Normanton has seen his side lose twice in two weeks at home to concede any hopes the Dorrien Gardens side had of winning some silverware in 2007.

"I don't think it was a 4-1 game by any stretch of the imagination, but you give teams who have got strikers who can score goals opportunities to score and they will score them and all four of their goals were immediately preceded by a mistake that we made. Within three or four seconds of us making the mistake it was in the back of the net and you can't do that against teams like Floreat" said the Perth coach.

Normanton will again have to reshuffle his side for next weeks clash against second placed Cockburn after Barry

Wood was needlessly sent off for dissent.

"Undisciplined and that just leaves me a player short for next week, two players short with Franco from last week, and we are short at a time of the season when you need everybody" he said.



FOOTBALL WEST DETAILS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Floreat Athena	15	12	3	0	50	16	34	39
Cockburn City	15	10	2	3	31	18	13	32
Perth S.C.	15	9	3	3	45	15	30	30
Stirling Lions	15	8	4	3	25	20	5	28
Western Knights	15	7	3	5	39	25	14	24
ECU Joondalup	15	6	6	3	26	19	7	24
Inglewood United	15	6	2	7	26	32	-6	20
Fremantle Spirit	15	3	5	7	15	24	-9	14
Armadale	15	3	4	8	15	27	-12	13
Swan I.C.	15	3	3	9	25	46	-21	12
Sorrento F.C.	15	3	2	10	27	39	-12	11
Wanneroo City	15	1	1	13	15	58	-43	4

Perth SC 1 Floreat Athena 4
Joondalup 3 Inglewood United 3
Stirling Lions 4 Cockburn 1
Armadale 1 W Knights 0 Fremantle
Spirit 1 Sorrento 1
Wanneroo City 3 Swan 2

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

By Ben Fitzpatrick

ADELAIDE CITY CROWNED CHAMPS OF SA

On Friday night 3rd August spectators were treated to a championship winning performance by BEST League leaders Adelaide City as they conquered Modbury Jets in an emphatic 4:1 win at Jet Park.

Eventhough Modbury had the advantage with two extra days rest after Adelaide City beat MetroStars 4:2 in their Monday night clash at Adelaide City Park, the game was always going to be a difficult one for bottom of the table Jets.

Looking down the barrel of possible relegation, Jets were outclassed and outrun by City with the game all but wrapped by the end of the first half with City leading 3 goals to nil. Once again Damian Mori showed the crowd what a goal kicking machine he is, scoring in the 15th and 84th minute of the game and young Nick Budin adding his two in the 23rd and 45th minute. Modbury's scorer was Chris Deans late in the second half.

By the time the ref blew the whistle to end the match, Adelaide City had secured their 3rd consecutive Championship title in the Best league sitting 12 points clear of second placed Campbelltown with only 3 rounds to go and still undefeated. Yet again this season as they have done in the past, City has set the benchmark for other teams to reach, with their brilliant performances right across the park week after week after week.

To add to that during the season, they have been fortunate enough to have been relatively unhampered by suspensions or injuries, which as we all know, enables any team to keep the 'winning' momentum flowing. Another brilliant display of top quality football under the coaching prowess of Damian Mori.

The game on Saturday afternoon at The Paddocks between Para Hills and Raiders was set up to be an interesting one. Para Hills, the newly promoted club from

the Premier League sitting comfortably in 3rd spot had not lost a game since Round 10, while Raiders in 6th position hadn't lost since Round 9 so it was expected to be a tight tousel and tough battle to gain victory. Raiders coach Carl Maynard had obviously done his homework on Para Hills, choosing attacking midfielder and playmaker Joel Allwright as one of his main targets.

Their play worked extremely effectively, Raiders being able to hold the ball up in midfield on many occasions preventing the exuberance of the Knights attackers to capitalise on most balls provided. Although there were several instances where Para Hills were able to penetrate the ball up front to their main striker Mark Mulady, the defence of the Raiders were quick to pounce on these advances and shut down any opportunities for the Knights to score.

Raiders' goals coming from defender Michael Cartwright in the 40th minute, striker Jason Trimboli in the 51st and Steve DeGiovaniello in the 65th. New signing Stephen Stam providing the Knights with their only goal in the 56th minute of the game.

Knights coach Robbie di Troia would have been looking at taking the 3 points to increase their chances of moving to second place on the ladder, but with the loss, sees them dropping into 4th position behind Adelaide Galaxy. But on a positive note, being promoted to the top league and finishing so high up would possibly still bring a smile to the faces of all at the club.

In other games around the grounds Coach Michael Petrillo's Adelaide Galaxy nabbed a 1:0 victory away from home over Adelaide Blue Eagles at Marden Sports Complex. The win means Galaxy move into 3rd spot 1 point clear of Para Hills but then leaves the Eagles sitting in the precarious position of still fighting to prevent relegation

to the Premier League, in 7th spot on the table, but only 3 points above last placed Modbury. I will keep you posted in that exciting finish that will undoubtedly do right down to the wire.

Attheir home ground Campbelltown City Red Devils had the arduous task of facing the fearless fighters, never-say-die Cumberland United Foxes. Interesting statistics show that the last time the Foxes defeated the Red Devils was in Round 14 in 2005 a resouding 5:0 victory at Bailey Reserve. This time the game was toughed out by both sides resulting in a nil-all draw, once again a commendable effort on behalf of the Foxes, leaving them in 8th spot on the ladder 3 points clear of bottom position but still not safe from relegation.

At Frank Mitchell Reserve White City Warriors hosted mid table dwellers NE MetroStars. The Warriors sit second from bottom on equal points with Modbury Jets and faced a 'must win' result. But with statistics of this happening against them (their last victory against the Stars was way, way back in Round 7 of 2001) they faced up to an enormously important match for their club. The biggest match-up was undoubtedly going to be between State Representatives Warriors striker Chad Bugeja and champion defender Ivan Karlovic. Final score here was a nil-all draw thanks to a Karlovic penalty saved by Warriors keeper Nick Crossley. Outstanding!

Congratulations once again go to the magnificent performance of Adelaide City - 2007 BEST League Championship for the 3rd consecutive year.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By Nat Adamopoulos



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
BEST League	15	12	3	0	43	15	28	39
Adelaide City	15	7	5	3	27	21	6	26
Campbelltown	15	6	5	4	30	24	6	23
Ade Galaxy	15	7	1	7	29	33	-4	22
Para Hills	15	5	6	4	20	20	0	21
Raiders	15	5	4	6	25	20	5	19
MetroStars	15	3	6	6	16	19	-3	15
Blue Eagles	15	4	3	8	14	29	-15	15
Cumberland	15	3	4	8	23	33	-10	13
White City	15	3	3	9	19	32	-13	12
Modbury	15	3	3	9	19	32	-13	12

Round 15 Results

Modbury 1 (C.Dean)
Adelaide City 4 (D.Mori 2, N.Budin 2)
Best - Modbury (R.Devlin, L.Mettyear, D.Menechella)
Adel City (N.Budin, D.Paladino, F.Aguis)

Adelaide Galaxy 1 (P.Karittevliis)
Adelaide Blue Eagles 0
Best - Galaxy (E.Gooding, J.Fusco, P.Karittevliis)
Blue Eagles (T.Zito, K.Terzis, F.Bosco)

Campbelltown City 0
Cumberland United 0
Best - Campbelltown (A.Fowler, D.Signoriello, N.Fleetwood)
Cumberland (R.Samardzija, D.Tassone, D.Gagliardi)

Para Hills 1 (S.Stam)
Raiders 3
(C.Christophersen, S.DeGiovaniello, J.Trimboli)
Best - Para Hills (A.Goulding, S.Stam, D.Bounds)
Raiders (O.Malik, C.Christophersen, S.DeGiovaniello)

Results & Ladders

MILO Boys 18 Super League: Round 17: Oakleigh 1 South Eastern Piranhas 0, Essendon Royals Benteleigh Greens , Green Gully 8 Doncaster Rovers 0, FC Bulleen Lions BYE , Melbourne Knights South Melbourne , Keilor Park 1 Whittlesea Stallions 1

MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League: Round 14: Casey Comets 1 South Melbourne 4, FC Bulleen Lions 5 Langwarrin 0, Noble Park 1 Sandringham City 2, North Caulfield Doncaster Rovers , Kingston City BYE

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League: Round 14: Box Hill Inter 2 South Melbourne 0, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Manningham 0, Knox City 1 Nunawading City 0, Chelsea 1 Doncaster Rovers 2, Springvale White Eagles 0 Endeavour Utd 3

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League: Round 14: North Caulfield BYE , FC Bulleen Lions 1 Dandenong Thunder 1, Knox City 1 Nunawading City 0, Mornington 1 Dandenong City 4, Monash City 3 GSL 0

MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League: Round 14: Box Hill Inter 0 South Melbourne 1, FC Bulleen Lions 4 Berwick City 0, Richmond 1 Sandringham City 2, Beaumaris 2 Dandenong City 0, Monash City 1 GSL 2

MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League: Round 14: Melbourne Knights Fawkner , Epping City 0 Green Gully 5, Bye Sunshine Georgies , Keilor Park 12 Brimbank 0, Essendon Royals 2 Whittlesea Stallions 1

MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League: Round 14: Melbourne Knights 0 Coburg Utd 3, Cairnlea 0 Green Gully 3, Altona City 1 Bundoora Utd 1, Keilor Park 0 Preston Lions 0, Essendon Royals 0 Fawkner 7

MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League: Round 14: Melbourne Knights 1 Fawkner 1, Epping City Green Gully , Altona Magic 3 Light Utd 0, Keilor Park 2 Preston Lions 0, Essendon Royals 2 Sunshine Heights 1

MILO Boys N/W 13 Super League: Round 14: Werribee City 2 Hume Utd 4, Cairnlea 1 Green Gully 2, Altona City 0 Brunswick City 3, Fawkner 0 Brimbank 5, Essendon Royals 1 Coburg Utd 4

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue: Round 14: Richmond BYE , Manningham Oakleigh , Bye Heidelberg Utd , Maribymong Greens 2 Eastern Lions 1, St. Albans 1 Brunswick City 3

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange: Round 14: Epping City BYE , Wyndham Olympic 4 Lalor Utd 9, Flemington Eagles 1 Western Eagles 0, Mitchell Rangers JFC 0 Essendon Royals 5, Gisborne BYE

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple: Round 14: Bye Brighton , Doveton 4 Boronia 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Mooroolbark 3, Dandenong Sparrows BYE , Nunawading City 19 Sandringham City 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Red: Round 14: Westvale 0 Altona City 3, Oakleigh 1 Richmond 1, Glen Eira BYE , Doncaster Rovers Boroondara Lions

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Round 14: Frankston Pines BYE , Seaford Utd 0 Chelsea 2, Casey Comets 4 Berwick City 6, Langwarrin 3 Rosebud 0, Heatherton Utd 3 Peninsula 0

MILO Boys South 16 A: Round 14: Brighton BYE , Benteleigh Greens 1 Berwick City 0, Springvale White Eagles BYE , Mornington 5 Dandenong City 3, Dandenong Thunder 6 Endeavour Utd 0

MILO Boys South 16 B: Round 14: Doveton 4 Mornington 2, Brighton 0 Seaford Utd 0, Keysborough 3 Baxter 0, Beaumaris 2 East Benteleigh 4, Berwick City 2 Langwarrin 2

MILO Boys South 15 A: Round 14: Brighton 6 Beaumaris 0, Peninsula 0 Berwick City 9, Frankston Pines 3 Sandringham City 1, Mornington 3 Dandenong City 1, Lyndale Utd 2 Langwarrin 2

MILO Boys South 15 B: Round 14: Brighton 0 Mornington 0, Benteleigh Greens 3 Baxter 2, Philip Island 3 Sandringham City 5, Beaumaris 0 Heatherton Utd 11, Berwick City 2 Langwarrin 1

MILO Boys South 14 A: Round 14: Langwarrin Mornington , Benteleigh Greens 0 Berwick City 5, Lyndale Utd East Benteleigh , Brighton 3 Doveton 0

MILO Boys South 14 B: Round 14: Casey Comets 3 Brighton 5, Langwarrin 0 Berwick City 6, Sandringham City 6 Baxter 0, Beaumaris 4 Carrum Utd 2, Springvale White Eagles 5 Endeavour Utd 1

MILO Boys South 14 C: Round 14: Bye Brighton 2 , Doveton 1 Dandenong Sparrows 2, Brighton 1 6 Sandringham City 0, Seaford Utd 0 Peninsula 4, Berwick City 1 Hampton Park Utd 3

MILO Boys South 13 A: Round 14: Langwarrin 3 Beaumaris 5, Benteleigh Greens 2 Hampton Park Utd 0, Hampton 6 Seaford Utd 1, Morning-

ton 1 Brighton 2, Berwick City 1 Peninsula 3

MILO Boys South 13 B: Round 14: Peninsula 1 Mornington 2, Benteleigh Greens 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 2, Baxter 1 Sandringham City 1, Beaumaris 2 Brighton 0, Keysborough 0 Chelsea 2

MILO Boys South 13 C: Round 14: Brighton 0 Langwarrin 1, Rosebud 7 Chelsea 1, Hampton 4 Seaford Utd 0, Peninsula 1 Carrum Utd 1, Casey Panthers 0 Endeavour Utd 23

MILO Boys South 12 A: Round 14: Langwarrin 2 Beaumaris 1, Brighton 1 Berwick City 2, Noble Park Sandringham City , Mornington 2 Dandenong City 1, Dandenong Thunder 3 Seaford Utd 1

MILO Boys South 12 B: Round 14: Casey Comets 1 Mornington 2, Peninsula 0 Berwick City 4, Hampton 1 Sandringham City 0, Hampton Park Utd Brighton , Keysborough 1 Endeavour Utd 0

MILO Boys South 12 C: Round 14: Langwarrin 0 Beaumaris 4, Brighton 2 Baxter 3, Hampton 0 Sandringham City 1, Mornington BYE , Doveton 1 Rosebud 0

MILO Boys South 12 D: Round 14: Brighton 1 4 Frankston Pines 0, Benteleigh Greens 4 Lyndale Utd 0, Springvale White Eagles 3 Hampton Park Utd 1, Beaumaris 2 Carrum Utd 0, Berwick City 2 Brighton 2 2

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 14: Casey Comets 3 Beaumaris 0, Benteleigh Greens BYE , Sandringham City 1 Hampton 1, Mornington Brighton , Heatherton Utd 0 Langwarrin 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Red: Round 14: South Eastern Piranhas Mornington , Benteleigh Greens 0 Hampton Park Utd 3, Brighton 1 Seaford Utd 5, Southern Stars 7 Dandenong City 2, Berwick City 1 GSL 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Round 14: Langwarrin 4 Baxter 1, Peninsula 1 Berwick City 0, Sandringham City 2 Hampton 0, Beaumaris 0 Brighton 3, Doveton 0 Endeavour Utd 2

MILO Boys South 11 Joeys Blue: Round 14: Langwarrin 4 Beaumaris 0, Brighton 2 Baxter 2, Hampton Park Utd 4 Sandringham City 1, Mornington 0 Carrum Utd 4, Keysborough 7 Seaford Utd 0

MILO Boys South 11 Joeys Orange: Round 14: East Benteleigh 3 Harrisfield Hurricanes 0, Brighton 1 Berwick City 2, Hampton 3 Sandringham City 1, Beaumaris 4 Peninsula 0, Hampton Park Utd 3 Langwarrin 1

MILO Boys East 16 A: Round 14: Croydon City Arrows 2 Glen Waverley 2, Doncaster Rovers 1 Manningham 2, Brandon Park 1 Nunawading City 1, South Melbourne 2 FC Bulleen Lions 0, South Springvale 3 Eastern Lions 1

MILO Boys East 16 B: Round 14: Boronia 1 Ringwood City 0, North Caulfield Boroondara Lions , Knox City 3 Richmond 2, Ashburton 2 Doncaster Rovers 6, Mooroolbark 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 2

MILO Boys East 15 A: Round 14: Whitehorse 4 North Caulfield 2, Eastern Lions 4 Manningham 1, Richmond 0 Kingston City 1, Glen Waverley 0 FC Bulleen Lions 9, Riversdale 1 Oakleigh 2

MILO Boys East 15 B: Round 14: Croydon City Arrows 1 Whitehorse 1, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Caulfield Utd 0, Knox City 5 Glen Eira 1, Springvale City 0 Doncaster Rovers 1, Clayton 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 3

MILO Boys East 15 C: Round 14: Doncaster Rovers BYE , Boronia 0 Chelsea 3, Hampton 4 Eastern Lions 4, Ashburton 1 Casey Comets 6, Manningham 5 Mooroolbark 3

MILO Boys East 15 D: Round 14: Templestowe Eagles 4 Brandon Park 2, Glen Eira 0 Hampton Park Utd 12, Bye East Benteleigh , Clayton 1 Brighton 0

MILO Boys East 14 A: Round 14: Oakleigh BYE , Doncaster Rovers Kingston City , Eastern Lions 3 Richmond 0, South Melbourne 1 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Riversdale 0 Boronia 5

MILO Boys East 14 B: Round 14: Beaumaris 0 Ashburton 0, Brandon Park 3 Manningham 1, Richmond 0 Ringwood City 0, Glen Waverley 5 Port Melbourne 2, Clayton 0 North Caulfield 1

MILO Boys East 14 C: Round 14: Bye Sherbrooke Rangers , Boronia 5 North Caulfield 0, Doncaster Rovers 11 Boroondara Lions 0, Nunawading City BYE , Ashburton 3 East Benteleigh 1

MILO Boys East 14 D: Round 14: Bye Glen Waverley , Mooroolbark 2 Doncaster Rovers 0, Caulfield Utd Ringwood City , Benteleigh Greens 1 FC Bulleen Lions 5, Manningham 1 Oakleigh 1

MILO Boys East 13 A: Round 14: Croydon City

Arrows 0 Ringwood City 1, Doncaster Rovers 4 Riversdale 1, Knox City 4 Brandon Park 0, North Caulfield 1 FC Bulleen Lions 1, Whitehorse 1 Oakleigh 3

MILO Boys East 13 B: Round 14: Casey Comets 3 Glen Waverley 1, FC Bulleen Lions 2 Manningham 0, Eastern Lions 1 Waverley Wanderers 3, North Caulfield 2 Mooroolbark 1, Clayton 1 Knox City 1

MILO Boys East 13 C: Round 14: Croydon City Arrows 4 Caulfield Utd 0, Doncaster Rovers 4 Boroondara Lions 0, Richmond 2 Eastern Lions 2, Glen Waverley 2 Stonnington City 1, Noble Park 7 Whitehorse 0

MILO Boys East 13 D: Round 14: Boronia 0 Casey Comets 6, Glen Eira BYE , Nunawading City 1 Ringwood City 3, East Benteleigh 4 Hampton 2, Riversdale 2 Croydon City Arrows 1

MILO Boys East 12 A: Round 14: Box Hill Inter 0 South Melbourne 3, FC Bulleen Lions 4 Oakleigh 0, Richmond 4 Nunawading City 0, Croydon City Arrows 4 Doncaster Rovers 0, Monash City 7 Boronia 0

MILO Boys East 12 B: Round 14: North Caulfield Glen Waverley , Mooroolbark 0 Riversdale 2, Richmond 0 Ringwood City 1, South Melbourne 0 Doncaster Rovers 0, Monash City 0 Stonnington City 2

MILO Boys East 12 C: Round 14: Glen Eira 0 Knox City 4, Doncaster Rovers 4 East Benteleigh 3, Nunawading City 2 Richmond 0, Ashburton 3 FC Bulleen Lions 1, Clayton 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 1

MILO Boys East 12 D: Round 14: Boronia 1 North Caulfield 3, Doncaster Rovers 2 Boroondara Lions 2, Caulfield Utd 7 Ringwood City 1, Springvale City 0 FC Bulleen Lions 7, Kingston City 1 Knox Utd 1

MILO Boys East 12 E: Round 14: North Caulfield 0 Ashburton 5, Brandon Park 1 Manningham 3, Richmond 0 Eastern Lions 3, Glen Waverley 0 Port Melbourne 2, Riversdale 0 Glen Eira 1

MILO Boys East 12 F: Round 14: Croydon City Arrows 1 4 Casey Comets 2, Waverley Wanderers 0 Mooroolbark 1, Eastern Lions 0 Chelsea 1, Oakleigh 6 East Benteleigh 0, Manningham 3 Croydon City Arrows 2 0

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 14: Richmond BYE , Box Hill Inter 11 South Yarra 0, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Riversdale 0, Knox City 0 Doncaster Rovers 1, Monash City 6 Oakleigh 0

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Round 14: Oakleigh 0 South Melbourne 6, Waverley Wanderers 1 Manningham 0, Richmond 3 Doncaster Rovers 2, Ashburton 1 FC Bulleen Lions 1, North Caulfield 3 Box Hill Inter 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Blue: Round 14: Croydon City Arrows 0 North Caulfield 4, Doncaster Rovers 0 Boroondara Lions 2, Eastern Lions 5 Richmond 0, Knox City 0 Springvale City 5, Riversdale 1 East Benteleigh 1

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Orange: Round 14: Glen Eira 3 Ashburton 0, White Star Dandenong 6 Kingston City 0, Nunawading City 0 Richmond 0, Glen Waverley 1 FC Bulleen Lions 1, Monash City 5 Whitehorse 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Purple: Round 14: Boronia 0 Ashburton 2, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Mooroolbark 0, Brandon Park 0 Ringwood City 3, Glen Waverley 0 Doncaster Rovers 1, Clayton 3 Oakleigh 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Red: Round 14: Croydon City Arrows 1 Glen Waverley 2, South Springvale 1 Boroondara Lions 0, Richmond 2 Eastern Lions 1, Ashburton 0 North Caulfield 4, Manningham 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 2

MILO Boys N/W 16 B: Round 11: Sunshine Heights 4 Watsonia Heights 0, Sunbury Utd 1 Cairnlea 1, Broadmeadows Utd 3 Keilor Wolves 0

MILO Boys North 16 A: Round 14: Eltham North 1 Northcote City 6, Brunswick Zebras Light Utd , Bundoora Utd Brunswick City , Carlton Youth Preston Lions , Essendon Royals 7 Heidelberg Utd 1

MILO Boys North 15 A: Round 14: Essendon Utd 2 Hume Utd 4, Brunswick Zebras BYE , Bundoora Utd Southern Stars , Coburg Utd 2 Northcote City 1

MILO Boys North 15 B: Round 14: Moreland Utd 4 Eltham North 0, Epping City 6 Essendon Royals 1, Essendon Utd 1 1 Heidelberg Stars 5, Mitchell Rangers JFC BYE , Moreland Wolves 0 Whittlesea Stallions 8

MILO Boys North 14 A: Round 14: Epping City BYE , Brunswick Zebras Lalor Utd , Bundoora Utd 4 Coburg Utd 1, BASL 3 Whittlesea Stallions 0, Essendon Royals Eltham North

MILO Boys North 14 B: Round 14: Bye Hume Utd , Bye Heidelberg Utd , Brunswick City 2 Bundoora Utd 0, Fawkner 9 Brunswick Zebras 0, Plenty Valley Lions 2 Moreland City 1

MILO Boys North 14 C: Round 14: Whittlesea Stallions 1 North City Lions 4, Moreland Utd 0 Diamond Valley Utd 5, Watsonia Heights 2 Brunswick City 0, Lalor Utd BYE , Bye Northcote City

MILO Boys North 13 A: Round 14: Eltham North 2 Fawkner 2, Brunswick Zebras 0 North City Lions 0, Sunbury Utd 1 Light Utd 0, BASL Preston Lions , Whittlesea Stallions 2 Epping City 0

MILO Boys North 13 B: Round 14: Whittlesea Stallions 3 Essendon Royals 0, Eltham North 0 Greenvale Utd 5, Bundoora Utd Banyule City , FC Clifton Hill 7 Brunswick Zebras 0, Moreland Wolves 1 Moreland City 1

MILO Boys North 13 C: Round 14: Plenty Valley Lions 0 Alphington 0, Epping City 3 Northcote City 3, Watsonia Heights 2 Bundoora Utd 0, Mitchell Rangers JFC Mill Park , Meadow Park 10 Eltham North 0

MILO Boys North 12 A: Round 14: Whittlesea Stallions BYE , Brunswick Zebras 2 North City Lions 2, Brunswick City 0 Bundoora Utd 2, Fawkner 0 Preston Lions 1, Essendon Royals 4 Light Utd 1

MILO Boys North 12 B: Round 14: Eltham North 0 FC Clifton Hill 2, Epping City 3 North City Lions 1, Watsonia Heights 3 Heidelberg Utd 3, Essendon Royals 2 Moreland City 0

MILO Boys North 12 C: Round 14: Light Utd 2 Diamond Valley Utd 1, Brunswick Zebras Coburg Utd , Lalor Utd 2 Banyule City 0, Meadow Park 1 Alphington 5

MILO Boys North 12 D: Round 14: Moreland Utd 1 Hume Utd 0, Essendon Utd 1 Brunswick City 1, FC Clifton Hill 4 Epping City 2, Bye Brunswick Zebras

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 14: Eltham North 1 Hume Utd 3, Coburg Utd 0 Northcote City 4, Light Utd 4 Bundoora Utd 0, Fawkner 0 Epping City 2, Essendon Royals 1 Mill Park 1

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Orange: Round 14: Eltham North 0 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Lalor Green Gully , Brunswick City 1 Preston Lions 1, Meadow Park 2 Brunswick Zebras 2, Essendon Royals 0 Coburg Utd 8

MILO Boys North 11 Joeys Blue: Round 14: Epping City 5 Mitchell Rangers JFC 1, Brunswick Zebras Pascoe Vale , Watsonia Heights 0 Alphington 1, Hume Utd 0 Greenvale Utd 5, Moreland Wolves 2 Eltham North 1

MILO Boys North 11 Joeys Yellow: Round 14: Moreland Utd 1 Diamond Valley Utd 1, Lalor Utd 3 North City Lions 1, Bundoora Utd Banyule City , Laverton Park 3 Light Utd 1, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Moreland City 3

MILO Boys West 16 A: Round 14: Melton 1 Hoppers Crossing 3, Avondale Heights 1 Keilor Park 3, Bye Ballarat Academy Of Soccer , Yarraville Altona Magic , Bye Brimbank City

MILO Boys West 15 A: Round 14: Hoppers Crossing 2 Keilor Park 4, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2 Green Gully 1, Bye Sunshine Georgies , North Sunshine Eagles 1 Brimbank 0, Williamstown 1 St. Albans 2

MILO Boys West 15 B: Round 14: Melbourne Lions South Yarra , Laverton Park 4 Werribee City 0, Altona City 1 Western Eagles 2, Satellite City Utd 1 Sunbury Utd 11, Gisborne 3 Flemington Eagles 0

MILO Boys West 14 A: Round 14: Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 6 Keilor Park 1, Laverton Park 1 Green Gully 4, Sydenham Park 0 Sunshine Georgies 3, Werribee City 4 Keilor Wolves 0, Bye Brimbank City

MILO Boys West 14 B: Round 14: Hoppers Crossing 0 Altona Magic 3, Altona City 3 Altona Magic 2 6, Williamstown BYE , WVSA 0 Melbourne Knights 0

MILO Boys West 13 A: Round 14: Melbourne Knights 5 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, Sydenham Park BYE , Avondale Heights 1 Sunshine Georgies 8, Keilor Park 2 South Yarra 0, Gisborne 1 St. Albans 1

MILO Boys West 13 B: Round 14: Hoppers Crossing 5 Keilor Park 0, Melton 1 Green Gully 3, Altona City 4 AVA Seagulls 0, Bye Melbourne Knights , WVSA 0 Sunshine Heights 0

MILO Boys West 13 C: Round 14: Maribymong Greens Melbourne Lions , Brimbank 4 Heidelberg Stars 1, AVA Seagulls 1 Western Eagles 6, Heidelberg Utd BYE , Yarraville 1 Hoppers Crossing 2

MILO Boys West 12 A: Round 14: Hoppers Crossing 2 Keilor Park 7, Cairnlea 1 Green Gully

3, Altona City 0 WVSA 1, BASL 1 Avondale Heights 0, Gisborne 0 Melbourne Knights 4

MILO Boys West 12 B: Round 14: Williamstown 13 Gisborne 1, Laverton Park 1 Green Gully 2, Altona City 5 Sunshine Georgies 0, Keilor Park 3 Altona Magic 4, Sydenham Park St. Albans

MILO Boys West 12 C: Round 14: Wyndham Olympic 2 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1, Melton 2 North Sunshine Eagles 0, Avondale Heights 1 Sunbury Utd 2, Williamstown 1 Brimbank 2, Spring Hills 0 Brimbank City 8

MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 14: Bye Brimbank , Hoppers Crossing 5 Keilor Park 1, Williamstown 3 Green Gully 0, Altona City 5 Altona Magic 0, Gisborne 8 Melbourne Knights 0

MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Red: Round 14: Melbourne Knights 5 South Yarra 1, Melton 0 Green Gully 3, Sydenham Park 0 Sunshine Georgies 3, Keilor Park BYE , WVSA 4 St. Albans 0

MILO Boys West 11 Joeys Blue: Round 14: Maribymong Greens 0 Flemington Eagles 6, Cairnlea 9 Gisborne 0, Altona City 2 Brimbank 0, Williamstown 1 Keilor Wolves 4, Spring Hills 3 Hoppers Crossing 1

MILO Girls Metro 18 A: Round 14: Langwarrin BYE , Cairnlea 3 Mooroolbark 1, Sandringham City 8 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Brunswick Zebras 11 Casey Panthers 0

MILO Girls Metro 18 B: Round 14: Seaford Utd 0 Gisborne 5, Mill Park 1 Essendon Royals 1, Whitehorse 3 Croydon City Arrows 3, FC Bulleen Lions BYE

MILO Girls Metro 16 A: Round 14: Ashburton BYE , Bye Richmond , Whittlesea Stallions 2 Brighton 0, Glen Eira 1 South Eastern Piranhas 0, Beaumaris 1 Epping City 5

MILO Girls Metro 16 B: Round 14: Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Langwarrin 2, East Benteleigh BYE , Boroondara Lions 6 Watsonia Heights 1, Berwick City 6 Croydon City Arrows 0, Mornington 1 Knox City 10

MILO Girls Metro 16 C: Round 14: Dandenong City 2 Endeavour Utd 5, Sandringham City 2 Hampton Park Utd 1, Keilor Park 9 North Caulfield 0, Bye Brighton , Eastern Lions 1 Chelsea 1

MILO Girls S/E 16 D: Round 14: Whitehorse 0 Rosebud 4, Boroondara Lions 0 Boronia 0, Bye Eltham North , Baxter 0 Berwick Kings 0

MILO Girls N/W 16 D: Round 14: Sunshine Georgies BYE , Melton 0 North City Lions 4, Moreland Utd 0 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Westgate Sunbury Utd , Altona City 2 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2

MILO Girls Metro 15 A: Round 14: WVSA 3 Brighton 0, Brunswick Zebras Langwarrin , Doncaster Rovers 2 Berwick City 0, North Caulfield BYE , Casey Comets 1 Richmond 4

MILO Girls Metro 15 B: Round 14: Sandringham City 2 Whitehorse 3, Meadow Park 5 Brighton 0, Glen Eira 2 Mooroolbark 1, Keilor Park 3 Brunswick City 0, Ashburton 1 Glen Waverley 6

MILO Girls Metro 15 C: Round 14: Ringwood City 9 Boronia 0, Seaford Utd 1 Harrisfield Hurricanes 3, Baxter 0 Pascoe Vale 0, Altona East 0 Gisborne 0, Casey Panthers 1 Keilor Wolves 1

MILO Girls Metro 14 A: Round 14: Bye Brighton , Boroondara Lions 3 Doncaster Rovers 3, Berwick City Croydon City Arrows , Ashburton 3 Beaumaris 0, Sandringham City 6 Bundoora Utd 0

MILO Girls Metro 14 B: Round 14: Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Caulfield Utd 0, Brunswick Zebras Sunbury Utd , Beaumaris 1 Peninsula 3, Dandenong Thunder 1 Hoppers Crossing 2, Richmond 0 Baxter 0

MILO Girls Metro 14 C: Round 14: Carrum Utd 2 Sandringham City 1, Eltham North 1 Langwarrin 2, Altona City 4 Watsonia Heights 3, East Benteleigh 4 Doncaster Rovers 0, Brighton 3 Box Hill Inter 0

MILO Girls S/E 14 D: Round 14: Noble Park North Caulfield , FC Bulleen Lions 2 Springvale White Eagles 0, Glen Waverley 1 Eastern Lions 0, Richmond BYE , Boroondara Lions 1 Croydon City Arrows 6

MILO Girls N/W 14 D: Round 14: Cairnlea 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 7, Mitchell Rangers JFC Brunswick Zebras , Western Eagles 1 Brimbank 0, Epping City 0 Keilor Park 3, Whittlesea Stallions 9 Eltham North 0

MILO Girls Metro 13 A: Round 14: BASL 3 Glen Eira 0, Sandringham City 0 Ashburton 0, Brighton 5 Berwick City 2, Croydon City Arrows 0 North Caulfield 1, Boroondara Lions 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 0



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MILO Girls Metro 13 B: Round 14: Peninsula 0 Boronia 1, Alphington BYE , Brunswick Zebras Essendon Royals , Caulfield Utd 1 Brighton 1, Bundoora Utd Glen Eira

MILO Girls Metro 13 C: Round 14: Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Glen Waverley 4, Diamond Valley Utd 0 Pascoe Vale 0, South Yarra 1 Nunawading City 9, Mornington 4 Baxter 0, North Caulfield 0 Port Melbourne 1

MILO Girls Metro 12 A: Round 14: Sandringham City 0 Richmond 1, North Caulfield Brighton , Carrum Utd 1 Ashburton 0, Croydon City Arrows 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Boroondara Lions BYE

MILO Girls Metro 12 B: Round 14: Eltham North BYE , FC Bulleen Lions 0 Keilor Park 0, Knox City 4 Brunswick Zebras 1, Monash City BYE , Hoppers Crossing 3 Box Hill Inter 0

MILO Girls Metro 12 C: Round 14: Heidelberg Utd Brunswick Zebras , Glen Waverley 0 Sydenham Park 1, Beaumaris 4 Watsonia Heights 0, Bye Brighton

MILO Girls Metro 12 D: Round 14: Croydon City Arrows BYE , Baxter BYE , Banyule City 7 Boroondara Lions 1, Whitehorse 4 Glen Waverley 0, Sandringham City 0 Boronia 4

MILO Girls Metro 11 A: Round 14: Boroondara Lions BYE , Sandringham City 0 Richmond 4, Keilor Park Brighton , Ashburton 2 Dandenong Thunder 1, North Caulfield 0 Beaumaris 1

MILO Girls Metro 11 B: Round 14: Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Oakleigh 3, Hampton 1 Brighton 1, Richmond 1 Ashburton 2, Berwick City 7 Glen Eira 0, Carrum Utd 3 Sunbury Utd 0

MILO Boys 18 Super League
Green Gully 15 13 0 2 55 25 39
Melbourne Knights 14 11 0 3 45 23 33
Essendon Royals 15 9 4 2 49 21 31
Oakleigh 16 10 1 5 45 20 31
Whittlesea Stallions 15 7 4 4 31 29 25
Keilor Park 16 5 3 8 40 38 18
South Eastern Piranhas 14 4 2 8 25 30 14
Bentleigh Greens 14 3 4 7 29 42 13
FC Bulleen Lions 15 3 1 11 22 45 10
South Melbourne 11 2 2 7 18 37 8
Doncaster Rovers 15 1 3 11 17 66 6

MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League
FC Bulleen Lions 13 11 1 1 55 9 34
Kingston City 12 7 2 3 32 18 23
South Melbourne 12 7 1 4 35 21 22
Casey Comets 13 6 1 6 20 30 19
North Caulfield 12 5 1 6 15 19 16
Langwarrin 11 4 3 4 23 23 15
Doncaster Rovers 10 1 6 3 14 17 9
Sandringham City 12 2 2 8 6 24 8
Noble Park 13 2 1 10 15 54 7

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League
FC Bulleen Lions 14 9 4 1 45 14 31
Manningham 13 9 1 3 31 14 28
South Melbourne 12 9 0 3 34 6 27
Chelsea 13 6 3 4 19 21 21
Endeavour Utd 13 6 1 6 24 19 19
Box Hill Inter 13 5 4 4 14 9 19
Doncaster Rovers 13 5 4 4 21 17 19
Springvale White Eagles 14 4 2 8 26 47 14
Knox City 14 2 2 10 9 35 8
Nunawading City 13 0 1 12 7 48 1

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League
Mornington 10 8 0 2 29 11 24
Monash City 10 6 2 2 19 7 20
FC Bulleen Lions 11 5 4 2 14 9 19
Dandenong Thunder 12 5 3 4 18 17 18
Nunawading City 12 4 4 4 16 17 16
North Caulfield 11 4 3 4 12 14 15
Dandenong City 12 4 3 5 12 18 15
Knox City 11 3 0 8 9 17 9
GSL 11 0 3 8 4 23 3

MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League
Box Hill Inter 12 10 2 0 27 5 32
South Melbourne 13 9 2 2 35 16 29
Beaumaris 13 8 2 3 26 12 26
Sandringham City 12 6 1 5 16 22 19
FC Bulleen Lions 13 4 5 4 14 12 17
Monash City 12 5 2 5 18 17 17
Richmond 13 4 3 6 20 24 15
GSL 13 2 2 7 6 15 11
Dandenong City 13 2 1 10 17 38 7
Berwick City 13 1 2 10 11 29 5

MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League
Green Gully 11 8 3 0 30 6 27
Keilor Park 12 7 3 2 37 13 24
Essendon Royals 12 7 2 3 30 10 23
Fawkner 11 7 2 2 24 15 23
Sunshine Georgies 12 5 4 3 28 15 19
Epping City 11 4 1 6 27 29 13
Melbourne Knights 11 3 2 6 18 19 11
Whittlesea Stallions 12 2 1 9 22 37 7
Brimbank 12 0 0 12 7 79 0

MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League
Keilor Park 13 10 0 3 30 9 30
Preston Lions 13 9 2 2 28 10 29
Green Gully 13 9 1 3 33 15 28
Fawkner 13 7 3 3 30 14 24
Coburg Utd 13 6 4 3 26 13 22
Altona City 13 5 3 5 18 19 18
Melbourne Knights 13 5 1 7 20 22 16
Cairlea 13 3 0 10 17 32 9
Bundoora Utd 13 3 0 10 9 37 9
Essendon Royals 13 1 0 12 10 50 3

MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League
Green Gully 11 11 0 0 46 3 33
Essendon Royals 13 11 0 2 34 10 33
Keilor Park 13 10 1 2 30 9 31
Altona Magic 13 8 0 5 25 15 24
Sunshine Heights 13 6 0 7 15 22 18
Fawkner 12 4 2 6 14 15 14
Melbourne Knights 13 3 2 8 19 22 11
Preston Lions 12 3 2 7 11 33 11
Light Utd 13 1 3 9 8 45 6
Epping City 13 1 0 12 3 31 3

MILO Boys N/W 13 Super League
Coburg Utd 12 8 3 1 34 15 27
Altona City 10 8 0 2 22 8 24
Brimbank 11 6 4 1 21 9 22
Essendon Royals 12 6 2 4 18 12 20
Cairlea 11 6 2 3 16 10 20
Brunswick City 13 6 0 7 17 16 18
Green Gully 13 5 1 7 20 16 16
Hume Utd 12 4 2 6 13 25 14
Werribee City 13 3 2 8 13 25 11
Fawkner 13 0 0 13 4 42 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue
Heidelberg Utd 11 7 2 2 34 17 23
Maribymong Greens 10 7 1 2 36 26 22
Richmond 10 6 1 3 30 11 19
Oakleigh 10 5 1 4 33 23 16
Brunswick City 10 4 1 5 21 27 13
Eastern Lions 10 3 2 5 19 31 11
Manningham 9 2 0 7 18 41 6
St. Albans 10 2 0 8 13 28 3

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange
Flemington Eagles 9 9 0 0 46 10 27
Gisborne 10 6 2 2 24 13 20
Western Eagles 10 6 1 3 34 13 19
Lalor Utd 9 5 1 3 30 17 16
Essendon Royals 9 4 2 3 19 11 14
Epping City 10 4 0 6 21 27 12
Mitchell Rangers JFC 10 0 2 8 10 48 2
Wyndham Olympic 11 0 2 9 7 52 2

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple
Doveton 11 11 0 0 83 8 33
Nunawading City 9 8 0 1 57 14 24
Brighton 10 5 2 3 21 21 17
Boronia 10 3 1 6 27 39 10
Sherbrooke Rangers 9 3 1 5 22 36 10
Mooroolbark 10 3 1 6 26 43 10
Dandenong Sparrows 11 2 2 7 17 40 8
Sandringham City 10 1 1 8 7 59 4

MILO Boys Metro 18 Red
Altona City 11 11 0 0 69 8 33
Richmond 11 9 0 2 41 18 27
Oakleigh 11 8 0 3 32 23 24
Westvale 11 4 0 7 43 26 12
Boroondara Lions 11 4 0 7 39 36 12
Doncaster Rovers 11 3 0 8 29 27 9
Glen Eira 12 0 0 12 14 129 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow
Berwick City 12 9 2 1 79 13 29
Heatherton Utd 11 9 0 2 52 6 27
Casey Comets 12 7 2 3 40 33 23
Frankston Pines 12 7 1 4 43 13 22
Langwarrin 10 6 0 4 38 18 18
Peninsula 11 5 0 6 20 46 15
Chelsea 11 2 4 5 18 24 10
Seaford Utd 12 1 1 10 12 75 4
Rosebud 11 0 0 11 10 84 0

MILO Boys South 16 A
Springvale White Eagles 10 8 0 2 43 13 24
Berwick City 11 8 0 3 38 17 24
Bentleigh Greens 10 5 0 5 21 22 15
Dandenong Thunder 10 4 2 4 29 25 14
Brighton 11 4 2 5 22 26 14
Dandenong City 10 4 0 6 18 39 12
Endeavour Utd 9 3 0 6 18 25 9
Mornington 9 2 0 7 10 32 6

MILO Boys South 16 B
Baxter 13 10 1 2 45 21 31
Berwick City 13 9 1 3 46 18 28
Doveton 13 8 2 3 52 14 26
Seaford Utd 13 6 3 4 29 27 21
Mornington 13 5 4 4 29 25 19
Langwarrin 13 4 6 3 29 18 18
Brighton 13 4 1 8 23 38 13
East Bentleigh 13 3 3 7 18 20 12
Beaumaris 13 3 3 7 26 47 12
Keysborough 13 1 0 12 7 76 3

MILO Boys South 15 A
Berwick City 13 10 2 1 44 14 32
Mornington 13 9 0 4 61 22 27
Dandenong City 13 9 0 4 36 19 27
Frankston Pines 13 7 1 5 55 21 22
Sandringham City 13 7 1 5 46 25 22
Brighton 13 6 2 5 41 18 20
Langwarrin 13 6 0 7 27 25 18
Lyndale Utd 13 5 1 7 45 45 16
Beaumaris 13 1 1 11 15 80 4
Peninsula 13 1 0 12 15 116 3

MILO Boys South 15 B
Berwick City 13 11 0 2 48 10 33
Bentleigh Greens 13 10 0 3 54 15 30
Langwarrin 13 9 1 3 51 16 28
Heatherton Utd 13 8 1 4 57 17 25
Brighton 13 8 0 5 48 19 24
Baxter 13 7 1 5 48 24 22
Mornington 13 5 1 7 34 40 16
Beaumaris 13 2 2 9 17 69 8
Sandringham City 13 1 2 10 8 82 5
Phillip Island 13 0 0 13 8 81 0

MILO Boys South 14 A
Berwick City 10 9 1 0 41 9 28
Brighton 10 7 1 2 27 8 22
Lyndale Utd 10 6 0 4 25 21 18
Doveton 10 4 3 3 13 18 15
Langwarrin 10 4 2 4 24 14 14
Bentleigh Greens 10 3 1 6 17 27 10
East Bentleigh 10 2 2 6 14 21 8
Mornington 10 0 0 10 5 48 0

MILO Boys South 14 B
Brighton 13 11 2 0 47 11 35
Beaumaris 13 8 1 4 41 22 25
Berwick City 13 5 5 3 39 21 20
Casey Comets 12 5 4 3 27 18 19
Langwarrin 13 5 3 5 24 26 18
Sandringham City 12 5 2 5 24 21 17
Springvale White Eagles 13 5 2 6 28 26 17
Endeavour Utd 13 4 2 7 18 46 14
Carrum Utd 13 3 2 8 17 26 11
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Chelsea 13 5 2 6 21 19 17
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Sandringham City 13 9 1 3 32 9 28
Peninsula 13 9 1 3 29 10 28
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Langwarrin 13 4 3 6 27 30 15
Berwick City 13 2 3 8 15 25 9
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Keysborough 13 8 4 1 35 10 28
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Beaumaris 13 8 2 3 25 6 26
Baxter 13 7 2 4 33 8 23
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Brighton 13 4 2 7 22 35 14
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South Melbourne 13 7 2 4 32 23 23
Nunawading City 13 7 1 5 27 25 22
FC Bulleen Lions 13 6 3 4 28 20 21
Manningham 13 6 2 5 36 32 20
Glen Waverley 13 5 3 5 20 23 18
Eastern Lions 13 4 0 9 21 29 12
Doncaster Rovers 13 1 2 10 19 34 5
Croydon City Arrows 13 0 2 11 12 38 2

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North Caulfield 13 12 0 1 59 13 36
Ashburton 13 9 2 2 26 13 29
Boroondara Lions 12 8 2 2 44 14 26
Knox City 12 8 1 3 37 16 25
Doncaster Rovers 12 8 1 3 39 22 25
Richmond 13 6 1 6 33 21 19
Ringwood City 13 4 0 9 21 40 12
Boronia 13 2 1 10 18 36 7
Sherbrooke Rangers 12 1 0 11 11 68 3
Mooroolbark 13 0 2 11 10 55 2

MILO Boys East 15 A
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Whitehorse 13 7 3 3 36 14 24
Manningham 13 5 3 5 37 25 18
FC Bulleen Lions 13 4 5 4 20 19 17
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MILO Boys East 15 B
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Doncaster Rovers 12 10 1 1 45 14 31
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Sherbrooke Rangers 13 9 0 4 48 21 27
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Glen Eira 13 3 3 7 32 43 12
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Manningham 12 5 2 5 29 23 17
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Hampton 11 4 0 7 17 47 12
Eastern Lions 12 3 1 8 16 41 10
Mooroolbark 11 2 1 8 9 55 7
Doncaster Rovers 12 1 1 10 14 41 4

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Brandon Park 12 5 2 5 37 33 17
East Bentleigh 11 5 1 5 28 20 16
Brighton 10 4 2 4 25 29 14
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MILO Boys East 14 A
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Eastern Lions 11 8 2 1 23 13 26
Oakleigh 12 7 3 2 43 18 24
Doncaster Rovers 11 6 1 4 38 22 19
Boronia 10 6 1 3 26 16 19
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Boroondara Lions 11 2 1 8 11 33 7
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Oakleigh 12 8 1 3 26 13 25
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Mooroolbark 11 5 2 4 35 25 17
Doncaster Rovers 12 4 0 8 28 51 12
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MILO Boys East 13 A
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Knox City 13 10 3 0 35 8 33
Whitehorse 13 8 2 3 25 14 26
North Caulfield 13 6 2 5 25 18 20
Ringwood City 13 5 4 4 23 15 19
Doncaster Rovers 13 4 4 5 21 20 16
FC Bulleen Lions 13 4 4 5 14 18 16
Brandon Park 13 2 3 8 7 20 9
Riversdale 13 1 2 10 1 33 5
Croydon City Arrows 13 1 1 11 4 43 4

MILO Boys East 13 B
Casey Comets 13 11 1 1 29 3 34

Results & Ladders

Knox City	13	1	2	10	6	39	5
Richmond	13	0	3	10	3	54	3

MILO Boys East 11 Joeyes Orange

Glen Waverley	13	11	2	0	30	4	35
Monash City	13	8	3	2	58	10	27
FC Bulleen Lions	13	8	3	2	44	9	27
Richmond	13	7	4	2	40	12	25
Nunawading City	13	7	2	4	31	13	23
Glen Eira	13	6	3	4	30	20	21
Whitehorse	13	4	1	8	28	34	13
Ashburton	13	4	0	9	19	26	12
White Star Dandenong	13	0	1	12	1	56	1
Kingston City	13	0	1	12	2	99	1

MILO Boys East 11 Joeyes Purple

FC Bulleen Lions	13	11	2	0	49	4	35
Clayton	13	9	2	2	39	8	29
Mooroolbark	12	8	4	0	29	3	28
Boronia	13	6	3	7	21	29	18
Ashburton	13	5	3	5	17	26	18
Brandon Park	13	4	3	6	16	20	15
Oakleigh	13	3	4	6	11	22	13
Ringwood City	13	3	3	7	15	32	12
Glen Waverley	13	1	3	9	7	31	6
Doncaster Rovers	12	1	2	9	6	35	5

MILO Boys East 11 Joeyes Red

Sherbrooke Rangers	13	11	0	2	24	9	33
Glen Waverley	13	10	1	2	34	8	31
Croydon City Arrows	13	10	0	3	49	19	30
South Springvale	13	10	0	3	35	11	30
North Caulfield	13	6	1	6	20	11	19
Eastern Lions	13	6	1	6	18	18	19
Manningham	13	5	0	8	13	17	15
Richmond	13	3	0	10	6	34	9
Boroondara Lions	13	0	3	10	12	39	3
Ashburton	13	0	2	11	7	52	2

MILO Boys N/W 16 B

Broadmeadows Utd	9	6	2	1	21	11	20
Sunshine Heights	9	4	3	2	14	10	15
Watsonia Heights	10	5	0	5	19	19	15
Keilor Wolves	9	3	4	2	10	7	13
Sunbury Utd	10	3	3	4	15	12	12
Cairnlea	9	0	2	7	6	26	2

MILO Boys North 16 A

Northcote City	13	11	0	2	60	13	33
Brunswick City	13	9	4	0	52	12	31
Light Utd	13	9	3	1	43	16	30
Preston Lions	13	9	2	2	49	18	29
Essendon Royals	13	5	3	5	31	21	18
Bundoora Utd	12	5	1	6	36	29	16
Heidelberg Utd	13	4	1	8	21	46	13
Brunswick Zebras	12	1	2	9	9	37	5
Eltham North	13	1	1	11	9	47	4
Carlton Youth	13	1	1	11	10	81	4

MILO Boys North 15 A

Hume Utd	12	9	2	1	39	11	29
Coburg Utd	11	7	3	1	37	10	24
Southern Stars	10	6	2	2	34	11	20
Essendon Utd	12	5	1	6	28	34	11
Bundoora Utd	12	3	2	7	24	40	16
Northcote City	11	3	0	8	13	37	9
Brunswick Zebras	12	1	2	9	18	50	5

MILO Boys North 15 B

Moreland Utd	12	12	0	0	69	4	36
Whittlesea Stallions	11	8	1	2	39	14	25
Epping City	12	8	0	4	53	15	24
Essendon Royals	11	7	1	3	54	18	22
Heidelberg Stars	11	6	1	4	40	29	19
Eltham North	12	5	1	6	46	25	16
Essendon Utd1	12	2	0	10	16	65	6
Moreland Wolves	11	2	0	9	14	73	6
Mitchell Rangers JFC	12	0	0	12	4	92	0

MILO Boys North 14 A

BASL	11	10	0	1	57	5	30
Essendon Royals	12	10	0	2	53	13	30
Whittlesea Stallions	12	9	0	3	49	16	27
Brunswick Zebras	11	7	1	3	32	13	22
Bundoora Utd	11	7	1	3	30	13	22
Lalor Utd	12	3	0	9	25	38	9
Epping City	12	3	0	9	16	35	9
Coburg Utd	11	1	0	10	15	79	3
Eltham North	10	0	0	10	8	73	0

MILO Boys North 14 B

Moreland City	11	9	1	1	27	7	28
Fawkner	9	8	0	1	47	6	24
Heidelberg Utd	11	6	0	5	29	19	18
Hume Utd	10	5	2	3	30	15	17
Plenty Valley Lions	8	4	1	3	24	25	13
Brunswick Zebras	11	2	1	8	9	36	7
Brunswick City	9	2	0	7	13	39	6
Bundoora Utd	9	0	1	8	40	1	

MILO Boys North 14 C

North City Lions	11	10	0	1	73	6	30
Northcote City	10	8	1	1	44	8	25
Diamond Valley Utd	10	6	2	2	25	20	20
Whittlesea Stallions	9	5	0	4	26	18	15
Moreland Utd	9	4	0	5	18	16	12
Lalor Utd	11	3	1	7	29	44	10
Brunswick City	9	1	1	7	7	68	4
Watsonia Heights	11	0	1	10	13	55	1

MILO Boys North 13 A

Whittlesea Stallions	13	12	0	1	47	10	36
Sunbury Utd	13	9	1	3	38	13	28
Epping City	13	8	2	3	28	17	26
Preston Lions	13	7	1	5	25	35	22
Eltham North	13	6	3	4	23	21	21
BASL	12	6	1	5	27	21	19
Light Utd	13	5	1	7	21	25	16
North City Lions	13	3	0	10	10	28	9
Brunswick Zebras	12	2	0	10	9	29	6
Fawkner	13	0	3	10	8	37	3

MILO Boys North 13 B

Greenvale Utd	13	11	0	2	52	5	33
Bundoora Utd	13	9	1	3	34	9	28
Essendon Royals	13	8	2	3	36	9	26
FC Clifton Hill	13	8	2	3	41	26	26
Whittlesea Stallions	13	8	1	4	31	22	25
Banyule City	13	4	2	7	12	28	14
Eltham North	13	3	2	8	11	34	11
Moreland Wolves	13	2	3	8	17	37	9
Brunswick Zebras	13	1	4	8	7	34	7
Moreland City	13	2	1	10	9	46	7

MILO Boys North 13 C

Meadow Park	13	11	2	0	62	12	35
Watsonia Heights	13	10	3	0	43	8	33
Northcote City	13	7	1	5	27	12	22
Bundoora Utd	13	6	4	3	28	17	22
Alphington	13	5	2	6	32	35	17
Mill Park	13	4	4	5	21	18	16
Epping City	13	4	4	5	17	30	16
Plenty Valley Lions	13	4	1	8	26	35	13
Mitchell Rangers JFC	13	3	1	9	25	57	10
Eltham North	13	0	0	13	8	65	0

MILO Boys North 12 A

North City Lions	12	9	1	2	37	15	28
Bundoora Utd	12	9	0	3	36	17	27
Essendon Royals	12	8	2	2	24	9	26
Brunswick Zebras	11	8	2	1	24	11	26
Whittlesea Stallions	12	4	4	4	27	14	16
Light Utd	11	5	0	6	21	26	15
Preston Lions	12	2	1	9	8	20	7
Brunswick City	11	1	1	9	6	32	4
Fawkner	11	0	1	10	12	51	1

MILO Boys North 12 B

Epping City	11	11	0	0	49	3	33
Essendon Royals	10	7	1	2	35	9	22
Moreland City	10	5	4	1	11	5	19
FC Clifton Hill	10	3	3	4	16	19	12
North City Lions	9	3	2	4	9	15	11
Heidelberg Utd	9	2	1	6	9	26	7
Watsonia Heights	11	2	1	8	9	38	7
Eltham North	10	1	0	9	4	27	3

MILO Boys North 12 C

Diamond Valley Utd	10	8	1	1	36	9	25
Light Utd	10	7	0	3	37	10	21
Banyule City	9	6	0	3	21	13	18
Alphington	9	5	1	3	18	14	16
Lalor Utd	11	3	4	4	9	12	13
Brunswick Zebras	10	3	1	6	15	18	10
Coburg Utd	10	2	2	6	13	26	8
Meadow Park	11	1	1	9	6	53	4

MILO Boys North 12 D

Hume Utd	9	7	1	1	26	8	22
Moreland Utd	7	6	1	0	31	3	19
FC Clifton Hill	8	4	0	4	23	16	12
Brunswick City	9	3	2	4	8	24	11
Epping City	8	2	3	3	7	14	9
Essendon Utd	8	2	1	5	11	21	7
Brunswick Zebras	9	0	2	7	6	26	2

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green

Epping City	13	11	2	0	37	4	35
Eltham North	13	11	1	1	41	7	34
Hume Utd	13	9	1	3	30	7	28
Light Utd	13	8	3	2	38	7	27
Essendon Royals	13	6	0	7	28	20	16
Bundoora Utd	13	5	1	7	19	20	16
Northcote City	13	4	2	7	16	16	14
Fawkner	13	3	1	9	16	30	10
Mill Park	13	2	1	10	10	48	7
Coburg Utd	13	0	0	13	0	76	0

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Orange

Coburg Utd	13	12	1	0	84	3	37
Brunswick City	13	10	1	2	45	13	31
Green Gully	13	9	2	2	44	10	29
Meadow Park	13	7	1	5	38	40	22
Whittlesea Stallions	13	6	1	6	23	35	19
Brunswick Zebras	13	6	0	7	27	28	18
Preston Lions	13	5	1	7	23	47	16
Eltham North	13	3	1	9	13	49	10
Lalor	13	2	1	10	10	32	7
Essendon Royals	13	0	1	12	3	53	1

MILO Boys North 11 Joeyes Blue

Moreland Wolves	13	10	2	1	20	7	32
Greenvale Utd	13	10	1	2	34	8	31
Hume Utd	12	7	2	3	23	7	23
Epping City	13	6	4	3	19	14	22
Alphington	13	6	3	4	24	11	21
Watsonia Heights	13	6	2	5	19	12	20
Mitchell Rangers JFC	12	4	2	6	9	23	14
Brunswick Zebras	13	2	3	8	12	21	9
Pascoe Vale	13	2	0	11	3	34	6
Eltham North	13	1	1	11	7	33	4

MILO Boys North 11 Joeyes Yellow

Moreland City	13	11	2	0	50	4	35
Light Utd	13	8	3	2	36	9	27
Laverton Park	13	7	3	3	29	13	24
Lalor Utd	13	7	2	4	31	21	23
Diamond Valley Utd	13	6	2	5	27	28	20
Banyule City	12	5	2	5	24	15	17
Moreland Utd	13	4	5	4	18	16	17
Plenty Valley Lions						12	2
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Bundoora Utd	13	2	1	10	11	40	7
North City Lions	13	1	0	12	5	67	3

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TARTAN TALK



Scotland 2007/08

Celtic and Rangers have dominated Scottish football to such an extent, it seems pointless to even bother with a season preview. Of course this year's premiership is going to be won by one of the two. At this time of the year, just before the new season kicks off, there are sometimes teams that hint at the possibility of breaking the old firm monopoly. Last year, we had the emerging Hearts fuelled by Vladimir Romanov's millions. The year before, we could look to Tony Mowbray's promising young Hibs. But this time not even the most blighted optimist can find a potential third force. Both sides of Glasgow (with some help from English clubs) have ransacked the rest of the competition of any player capable of causing them headaches. Consequently just about every side outside of the old firm is weaker then it was last season. We're more likely to see Ronaldinho sign for Melbourne Victory then see anyone other than Celtic or Rangers win the Scottish premiership.

The Two-Horse Race

Two disastrous seasons from Rangers, and two very successful ones from Celtic, have radically altered the old firm power balance in Celtic's favour. Having won the last two premierships with relative ease, and making it to the final 16 of Champions League, they are certainly in a much stronger financial position than their debt ridden rivals. It's a gap that is really starting to show in the transfer market too. In every situation where the two clubs have pursued the same player, Celtic has won out. Derek Riordan, Paul Hartley, Scott MacDonald and Scott Brown, are all players Rangers initially tried to sign but found themselves being outbid by Celtic. As Goal! Weekly goes to print, Celtic are also on the verge of signing Kilmarnock's Steven Naismith, a player Rangers have been

chasing all summer having had four bid rejected.

One gets the impression that Rangers can now only sign players Celtic don't want. Carlos Cuellar (Osasuna) Jean-Claude Darcheville (Bordeaux) DaMarcus Beasley (PSV Eindhoven) Roy Carroll (West Ham) and Lee McCulloch (Wigan), are all good signings that will make Rangers a stronger side. But in managing to sign AC Milan's Massimo Donati, Celtic have recruited a player of a calibre rarely seen in the SPL these days.

Gers' fans can at least find solace in the fact that once Walter Smith took over midseason he did manage to transform the situation from 'unthinkable catastrophe', to 'average disaster'. He secured second spot, closed the gap behind Celtic, and most importantly won both old firm derbies.



The Auld Firm will most likely dominate the Scottish Premier for another season. Rangers have won a total of 51 titles, whilst Celtic have won 41.

The Bride's Maids

Last year's potential third force Hearts, have since been reduced into a feithdom feeding Romanov's ego. They've at least cleared out some of the mediocre clutter from Lithuania, but until they can stick with a single manager for more than a month, they'll never be taken seriously.

Last season's third placed team Aberdeen owed much of their success to their captain and key defender Russell Anderson. But over the summer the Scotland international signed for Sunderland. His absence will leave a big gap in the team's game plan, and former Celtic captain Jackie McNamara isn't likely

to fill it. But in Jimmy Calderwood they have a very competent manager, who likes playing fast exciting attacking football, and very capable of upsetting the old firm.

As for Hibs, they just keep losing their best players, once again being pillaged by the old firm for the second successive summer.

They've lost Ian Murray, Kevin Thomson, and now Steve Whittaker to Rangers, while Chris Killen and Scott Brown will join former teammates Gary Caldwell and Derek Riordan at Celtic. Manager John Collins will be forced to rely on inexperienced youngsters. He can no doubt look forward to seeing them develop into promising players, and then losing them to the old firm next summer.

Pushing Top Six?

Inverness Caledonian Thistle, Dundee United and Kilmarnock have all spent the past few years hovering around midtable. This season isn't likely to be any different. They are all too strong to fear relegation, but neither can realistically expect any more than maybe fifth spot. If Kilmarnock manages to keep Naismith, they'll be the strongest of the three, and could even aim for third spot. Otherwise expect plenty of 0-0 and 1-0 score lines.

It would be tempting to predict Falkirk as a relegation battler, as most experts have at the beginning of the past two seasons. But both times, they've managed to remain well clear of the drop. At 40 Russell Latapy will only slow down, and nor have the Bairns been spared by the old firm, losing Alan Gow to Rangers. Yet no matter how weak they may look, in my view there are three teams that look even weaker.

Just Want To Survive

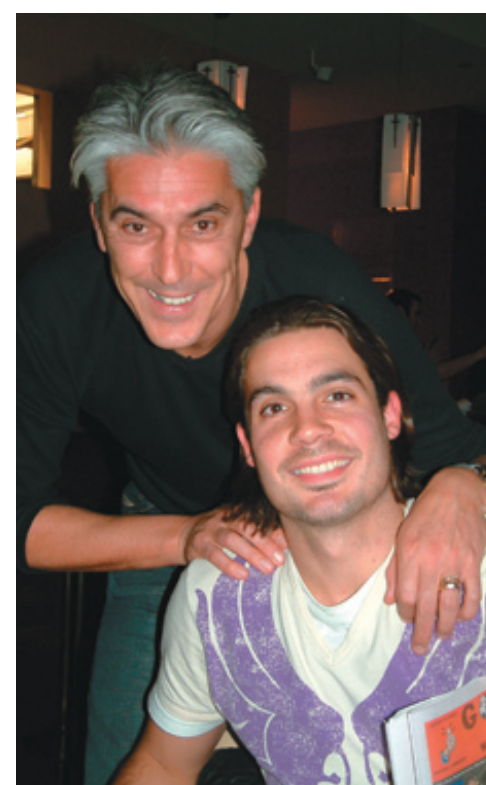
As to be expected the newly promoted team from last season, is the favourite to be relegated this season. This time it's Gretna. Millionaire Brooks Milesen has converted this former non-league side into the Chelsea of Scottish lower division football. Three promotions in three years means they've made it to the SPL quicker than they can build a new stadium that meets SPL requirements. Consequently, they'll be playing at Motherwell's Fir Park. But what looked like a big transfer kitty in First Division is only a modest one in the Premier League.

St.Mirren started last season brilliantly clocking up early points.

But in the end they slumped badly and would have been relegated if it weren't for their brighter-than-expected start. Since then they've lost Kirk Broadfoot to Rangers, and other key players are just getting too old. Motherwell is also coming off the back of a very disappointing season. The loss of Scott McDonald to Celtic will only compound their problems, robbing them of the main goal scorer. They'll also be happy just to survive.

Aussies in Scotland

The club of choice for Antipodeans this season will be Celtic, with emerging Soccerro Scott McDonald, and Kiwi Chris Killen. Former Northern Spirit and Parramatta Eagles midfielder Erik Paartalu has signed for Gretna. Matthew Park, once of Frankston Pines, will be hoping to get his first game as he spends another season on the books at Hearts. Meanwhile Queenslander Danny Invincible will play another season with Kilmarnock.



Kilmarnock's Danny Invincible shares a moment with former Soccerro and Goal! Weekly columnist, Eddie Krncevic, during a visit to Australia last year.

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Inverness 0 - 3 Rangers
Dundee United 1 - 0 Aberdeen FC
St Mirren Paisley 0 - 1 Motherwell FC
Gretna FC 0 - 4 Falkirk FC



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Sunday 5th August
Celtic v Kilmarnock

Monday 6th August
Hearts v Hibernian

Saturday 11th August
Falkirk v Celtic
Hibernian v Gretna
Motherwell v Inverness CT
Rangers v St Mirren

Sunday 12th August
Aberdeen v Hearts

Monday 13th August
Kilmarnock v Dundee Utd

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England Round-up

A Pom's Home View
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LEEDS UTD SUNK TO NEW LOW IN LEAGUE ONE

Leeds United strategically went into administration on the last day of last season. In doing so, owner Ken Bates immediately incurred a 10 point penalty deduction (for falling into administration). Bates thought he had beaten the system with his clever tactic to avoid deduction at the start of next season in England's third tier league (confusingly called League One). But on Friday Leeds were given a 15 point deduction for their trouble. Where did it all go wrong for the Yorkshire club?

The failure to qualify for the Champions League during the 2000-2002 seasons led to dire financial consequences for Leeds. First they lost television rights and sponsorship benefits. The £100m gamble on new players started to backfire and by March 2002, the club announced huge losses. A locally-based consortium sealed a £30m takeover in March 2004 but by November of the same year the Elland Road ground had been sold on a sale-and-lease-back arrangement after a buy-out had failed. Former Chelsea owner Ken Bates then stepped in and bought a 50 per cent stake in the club in January 2005 for £10m.

During this unstable period assets were sold. Rio Ferdinand, Robbie Keane, Lee Bowyer, Olivier Dacourt, Robbie Fowler, Jonathan Woodgate, Harry Kewell, Mark Viduka, Paul Robinson and Alan Smith were all top players that were shown the door. It was a turbulent time for the managers too, David O'Leary was sacked and replaced by Terry Venables who soon left and was replaced by former Sunderland boss Peter Reid, who



Papa Bates keeps the money away from Elland Road...

was also sacked. A caretaker boss Eddie Gray took charge before Kevin Blackwell was appointed and managed to instil a team spirit and put some pride back into the club. Blackwell's team comprised of players on free transfers and low wages and Leeds made the promotion playoff final in 05/06, which they lost to Watford. On 10 September 2006, Kevin Blackwell announced that within a year the club would be debt-free. Then Bates decided to change things again and brought in ex-Chelsea captain, Dennis Wise to replace Blackwell. But, Wise was unable to stop the rot as the team was relegated.

In the last month, Ken Bates has re-bought the bankrupt company for an undisclosed amount and called it Leeds United Football Club Limited. However, Bates over looked one important fact in his dodgy dealings. Bates' new company has no business at all unless the Football League agreed to allow it membership and a share of the League's money. To do so would require the League to make an exception in its insolvency policy, after standing firm on all the other 41 clubs which have collapsed into insolvency since 1992. The League's policy requires that players, other clubs and the League itself - must be paid in full, (while Leeds players are

still owed wages). The League membership has finally been granted, but as a result of the manner in which the administration has been conducted, the board determined this transfer of membership should be subject to Leeds United having a 15-point deduction applicable from the beginning of the 2007/08 season. Bates is very lucky or very clever to have got off so lightly.

It's all rather confusing and rather worrying for the massive Leeds United fan base. They have witnessed their club being mismanaged for years and continually vilified as having a dirty team and a racist support group. How much more do the Leeds supporters deserve? Bates has managed to buy and sell the club to himself, appearing not to have put a penny into the existing debt. Was he happy that the club failed to get promoted back to the Premiership and avoid payments to previous owners? Was relegation and administration planned for a huge debt to be written off? Their debts were only £35.5m, and given that Ken Bates had said during 2006-07 that the club would be in a dramatically better financial position once the season was over and the contracts of high-earning players would come to an end?

Maybe Ken Bates will eventually get his comeuppance. He was apparently one day off sinking Chelsea before the Russian came knocking. If the League hadn't accepted Ken Bates' slippery business proposal Leeds United would have been consigned to the graveyard of football history, never to return.

Gossip and Transfer Speculation from the English Media....

Sam Allardyce has held clear-the-air talks with Newcastle chairman Chris Mort over their lack of transfer funds. (The Sun)

Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez is ready to smash through the £50m barrier in his summer spending spree. (Daily Star)

Chelsea's Brazilian star Alex was barred from entering Britain by immigration officials. (Various)

Holland want Tottenham boss Martin Jol to take over as national boss after Euro 2008. (Daily Express)

Chelsea's gruelling pre-season programme has taken its toll, with another six players added to their growing injury list ahead of the Community Shield. (Daily Mail)

FA bosses are to announce a massive revamp of their disciplinary system in a bid to restore the games' credibility. (Daily Mirror)

Former Sheffield United boss Neil Warnock says Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson phoned him to

apologise after the Red Devils' final-day loss to West Ham which condemned the Blades to relegation. (The Sun)

Blackburn will make striker Benni McCarthy one of the highest-paid players in their history in an attempt to ward off interest in him from Chelsea. (Various)

Former Manchester United midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron has warned his Argentine compatriot Carlos Tevez that joining the club could kill his career. (Daily Star)

Arsenal striker Robin van Persie is flying in the face of current trends by claiming that "football is not about money or flashy things, it is about playing the game well". Is that a view shared by Dutch team-mate Arjen Robben? He has just told his club Chelsea to pay him what he is worth if they want to keep him - and his father has insisted that if the Blues contract offer to his son had been anywhere near the reported £90,000 a week, there would not be a problem. (Daily Star)

Derby have offered a trial to 19-year-old England youth international Jamie Mullan, who was released by Manchester

United in June. (Telegraph)

Portsmouth striker Kanu is set to agree a new one-year contract with the club. (Daily Mirror)

Robbie Fowler has decided against moving closer to his new club, Cardiff, and will instead commute to work from his home in Liverpool by luxury helicopter. The 32-year-old will buy a chopper at a cost of £200, 000, build a £5,000 heliport at his home and pay a private pilot £200 per day for the 90-minute flight. (Daily Star)

Tottenham new boy Kevin-Prince Boateng has revealed his chosen career path was one of just three options available to those who grow up in the mean streets of Wedding, Berlin. "Here you either become a drug dealer, a gangster or a footballer", he said. (Daily Star)

Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien has revealed the secret behind his energetic performances on the pitch - he sleeps 14 hours a day to make sure he is fully rested. (The Sun)

Manchester United's new dressing room at their Carrington HQ is apparently so big that phones are being installed in players' lockers. (The Sun)

AZ Alkmaar boss Louis Van Gaal has blasted Middlesbrough for trying to sign full-back Greta Steinsson on the cheap. (Daily Telegraph)

Birmingham pulled the plug on their move for Hossam Ghaly after the Tottenham midfielder had a bust-up with Blues boss Steve Bruce. (Daily Star)

Aston Villa's American owner Randy Lerner is so committed to Villa he has a tattoo of the club's crest on his ankle. (The Sun)

Manchester City manager Sven-Goran Eriksson admitted he spent £40m of the club's money on eight players after watching them on video. (Various)

Former referee Graham Poll says John Terry should be stripped of the England captaincy unless he shows officials more respect. (Daily Mail)



CENTRAL
COAST



2 - 3

PERTH
GLORY

Perth Glory has secured their first pre-season cup grand final appearance since the inception of the Hyundai A-League with a gritty 3-2 victory over the Central Coast Mariners in Gosford on Saturday evening.

Goals to Mate Dragicevic, Leo Bertos and David Tarka leading Perth to their maiden win at Bluetongue Stadium and a showdown with the winner of tomorrow's semi final between Adelaide and Queensland.

Perth coach Ron Smith opted to start Dragicevic up front and the Croatian marksman, playing just his second match, caused all sorts of problems for the Mariners defence with his hard work in attack.

Dragicevic opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when the ball fell dangerously in the 6 yard box following a blocked attempt from team mate Naum Sekulovski. The 27 year old striker needed no further invitation

GLORIOUS ROAD TO GRAND FINAL

to slot home his first goal in Glory colours.

Perth continued to create chances in the opening term and was set to take the lead into the break before former Glory striker Nik Mrdja pegged one back from a deflected free kick on the stroke of half time.

All square and with a grand final berth awaiting the winner, the second half was full of action.

Perth taking back the lead thanks to Leo Bertos in the 57th minute when the Kiwi international fired a free kick from 23 yards to see it take a deflection and completely wrong foot Mariners keeper Danny Vukovic.

Glory's progression to the final was all but secured when David Tarka knocked in the club's third with just 15 minutes remaining. Dragicevic helping on a corner kick which fell into the path of the big central defender and Tarka made no mistake as he smashed it into the back of the net.

The Mariners peppered away during a frenetic final quarter of an hour but the Glory defence held firm until Sasho Petrovski beat the offside trap in the dying minutes to score his first for his new club.

"We were definitely fighting against the tide towards the end there but the boys did a great job to hold out Central Coast who have been in good form and will be a very good side this season," said Smith.

"We've enjoyed a good build up and with the addition of some new personnel we have a different composition and resolve this season and you can see that in the results we've had so far," Smith added.

The Glory can proudly boast the title of pre-season road warriors after an unbeaten run in four consecutive matches away from home. A win to Queensland over Adelaide in Sunday's semi will see the grand final played in Perth and midfielder Simon Colosimo said he would love nothing more than to secure a piece of silverware in front of the club's home fans.

"Our fans have stuck by the club during a couple of lean years and I know that they'd be out in force to help us win the pre-season cup. I truly hope we can play the game in WA and give the dedicated members and supporters something to cheer about before the season proper kicks off," Colosimo said.

Central Coast Mariners 2 (Mrdja 44', Petrovski 90+3')

Perth Glory 3 (Dragicevic 23', Bertos 57', Tarka 78')

Bluetongue Stadium, Crowd: 5967

Perth Glory Squad: 30.Tando VELAPHI (gk), 2.Nikolai TOPOR-STANLEY, 3.David TARKA, 4.Simon COLOSIMO (15.Mitchell PRENTICE 67'), 6.Dino DJULBIC, 8.David MICEVSKI, 9.Mate DRAGICEVIC, 12.Leo BERTOS (16.Nick RIZZO 79'), 13.Nikita RUKAVYTSYA, 14.Jamie COYNE, 19.Naum SEKULOVSKI

Yellow Cards: Djulbic 27', Tarka 42', Sekulovski 90'+2
Red Cards: None

Central Coast Mariners Squad: 20.Danny VUKOVIC (gk), 6.Andre GUMPRECHT, 7.John HUTCHINSON (5.Bradley PORTER), 9.Nik MRDJA, 11.Damien BROWN (8.Dean HEFFERNAN 63'), 16.Nigel BOOGARD, 17.Matthew OSMAN, 18.Alex WILKINSON, 19.Adam KWASNIK (10.Tom PONDELJAK), 22.Sasho PETROVSKI, 23.Mile JEDINAK

Yellow Cards: Petrovski 39'
Red Cards: None



SYDNEY
FC



2 - 3

JETS

The Newcastle Jets withstood a late fightback from Sydney FC to win their 2007 Pre-Season Cup Play-off clash 3-2 at Parramatta Stadium. Joel Griffiths scored a double for the Jets.

The Jets looked to be running away comfortable winners, when they led 3-0 with just a little over 10 minutes remaining, but two late goals from Sydney FC ensured a few anxious moments for Gary Van Egmond and his team.

JETS OVERCOME SYDNEY...JUST!

Sydney FC introduced their new Brazilian signing Juninho to the crowd prior to kick-off, but just as he was settling in to enjoy the action, the Jets had the first goal, with Joel Griffiths getting in behind the defence and exquisitely chipping his shot over Clint Bolton.

It remained that way until early in the second half, when substitute Scott Tunbridge extended the Jets lead, capitalizing on a Sydney defensive mix-up to finish coolly past Bolton.

Griffiths doubled his tally, taking advantage of Sydney pushing players forward and getting free and making it 3-0 with just 15 minutes remaining.

However Sydney, wanting to impress it's World Cup winning new recruit, failed to lie down and pulled a goal back three minutes later, when Ruben Zadkovich lashed home from inside the penalty box.

The four minutes later, Ufuk Talay set up a grand stand finish, with a superbly hit free kick that had Ante Covic well beaten.

Jets gave a first appearance to Argentinean Jorge Drovandi, playing just 50 minutes.

Sydney FC 2 (Ruben Zadkovich 79', Ufuk Talay 83')

Newcastle Jets 3 (Joel Griffiths 5'76', Scott Tunbridge 76')

Parramatta Stadium, Parramatta Crowd: 2,611

Sydney FC: 1.Clint BOLTON (gk), 2.Iain FYFE (3.Nikolas TSATTALIOS 67') 4.Mark RUDAN, 6.Tony POPOVIC (captain), 7.Robbie MIDDLEBY, 9.David ZDRILIC, 11.Brendon SANTALAB

(8.Ruben ZADKOVICH 67'), 14.Alex BROSQUE, 15.Terry McFLYNN, 19.Michael ENFIELD, 23.Ufuk TALAY.

Yellow Cards: Tony Popovic 21', Brendon Santalab 47'.

Newcastle Jets: 1.Ante COVIC (gk) 3.Jade NORTH, 4.Steve EAGLETON, 6 Andrew DURANTE, 8.Matt THOMPSON (7.Jorge DROVANDI 8' (15.Scott TUNBRIDGE 53')), 9.Joel GRIFFITHS, 11.Tarek ELRICH, , 13.Adam D'APUZZO, 14.Jobee WHEELHOUSE, , 17.Troy HEARFIELD (12.Paul KOHLER 89'), 18 Noel SPENCER.

Yellow Cards: Adam D'Apuzzo 9', Jobee Wheelhouse 29', Steve Eagleton 82'



ADELAIDE
UNITED



3 - 2

ROAR

Adelaide United has reached the Pre-Season Cup final by beating Queensland Roar 3-2 at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

The Reds took just 16 seconds to register the first score of the contest and led 2-1 at half-time.

Recruit Cassio then gave the South Australian side a decisive buffer with a curling free kick in the 64th minute.

Ante Milicic's 73rd-minute goal kept the Roar in the clash and ensured a tense finish as the visitors tested the Reds' defenders until the final whistle.

Adelaide has earned a home grand final and will play Perth Glory next Sunday.

Bruce Djite couldn't believe his luck when, after the kick off, he found space

ADELAIDE REACHES FINAL

heading into the box.

He headed the bouncing ball over the out-of-position Roar keeper and the ball bobbled towards goal.

Liam Reddy recovered to flick the ball back into play but Djite was there to swoop and made no mistake with his second chance.

The Reds had plenty of the ball early but a midfield turnover from Cassio provided the Roar with a scoring opportunity in the 16th minute.

Reinaldo took control of the ball along the right hand wing crossed the ball to Simon Lynch who converted near the far post.

Unsuccessful shots from Chris Grossman and Reinaldo in the following minutes gave the Roar hope of pinching the lead but overall the half belonged to Adelaide.

Despite the score, United looked the better side with Bobby Petta collecting plenty of quality touches while Cassio's free kicks always looked dangerous.

The duo combined in injury time with a long cross from Cassio setting up a powerful Petta header from close range.

Queensland lifted its intensity in the second half and controlled possession for more than 10 minutes.

But Adelaide always looked dangerous when they took possession and when Nathan Burns was brought down in a crude tackle, the home side had earned another free kick and chance to score.

Cassio took the kick, curling the ball over the defensive wall and past the left hand of Reddy.

The game took another twist when Milicic waltzed through a lapse United defence and slotted the ball into the left hand corner of the net.

Milicic almost found the equaliser 10 minutes later but he didn't make the most of a Matthew McKay cross.

Queensland continued to attack but a shaky Adelaide defence managed to hold its opposition out.

Adelaide United 3 (Bruce Djite 1', Bobby Petta 45+2', Cassio 64')

Queensland Roar 2 (Simon Lynch 16', Ante Milicic 74')

Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide Crowd: 5,221

Adelaide United: 20.Robert BAJIC (gk), 2.Richie ALAGICH, 4.Angelo COSTANZO, 5.Michael VALKANIS (C) 6.CASSIO, 10. Nathan BURNS, 11.Bruce DJITE, 13.Travis DODD (8.Kristian SARKIES 70'), 15.Jonas SALLEY (18.Robert CORNTHWAITE 70'), 16.Bobby PETTA (7.Lucas PANTELIS 75'), 21.Jason SPAGNUOLO.

Yellow Cards: Jonas Salley 57'.

Queensland Roar: 1.Liam REDDY (gk), 5.Josh McCLOUGHAN, 9.Simon LYNCH (10.Ante MILICIC 60'), 11.REINALDO, 14.Ben GRIFFIN, 15.Matt McKAY, 16.Hyuk-Su SEO, 18.Danny TIATTO, 19.Sasa Ognenovski, 21.Chris GROSSMAN (6.Stuart McLAREN 75'), 23.MARCINHO (17.Mitch NICHOLS 60').

Yellow Cards: Danny Tiatto 50', Chris Grossman 63'